

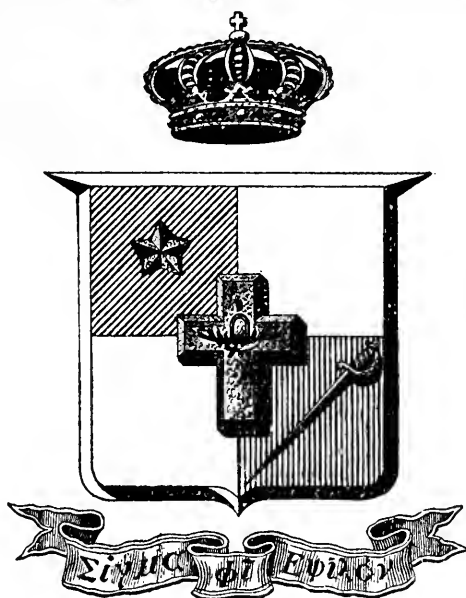


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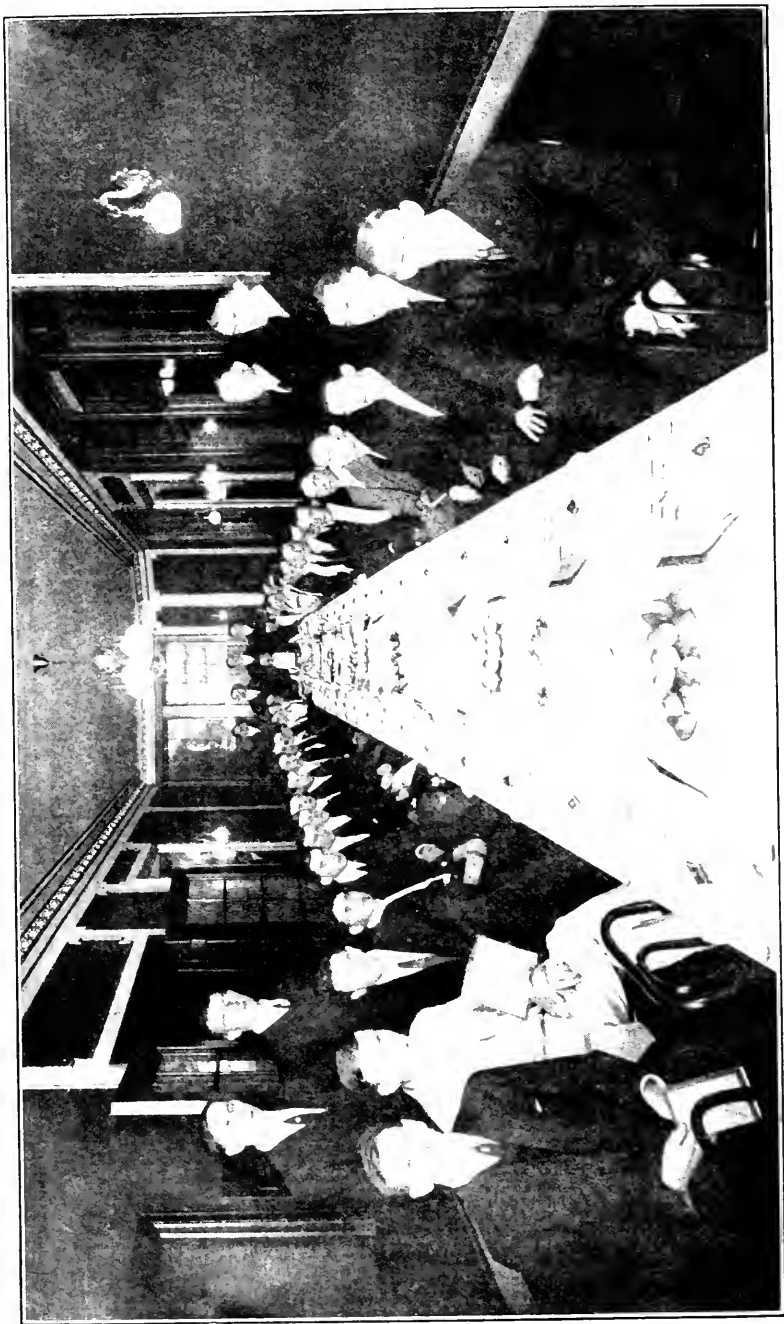


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CONCLAVE BANQUET



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## THE SEVENTH BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION

After an interval of two years, our Fraternity, represented by the Grand Chapter officers, chapter delegates and visitors, assembled at Detroit, Michigan, on August 26th, 27th and 28th. On Sunday, the 25th, the brothers began to arrive from all directions and all were at hand and ready for the business sessions at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Detroit, the automobile city of the world, proved to be a popular place for a convention because of its central location, being easily reached from practically all chapters at a minimum expense, and also because of its most beautiful surroundings, being noted for a beautiful park city and its most elegant rivers and lakes. The entertainment committee, consisting of Brothers Fisher, Arbogust, and Burnside, did everything possible to see that all visitors enjoyed Detroit and her most beautiful surroundings.

Every chapter, save two, were represented. Below we give a list of the official delegates who were in attendance and the chapter which they represented:

Grand President .....	Nelson R. Cooney.
Grand Secretary.....	William L. Phillips.
Grand Treasurer.....	J. C. Griffin.
Grand Historian.....	Charles L. Yancey.
Grand Guard.....	W. F. Wingett.
Virginia Alpha.....	J. W. C. Johnson.
West Virginia Beta.....	H. G. Wheat.
Illinois Alpha.....	V. V. Kellner.

Colorado Alpha.....	E. V. Dunklee.
Pennsylvania Delta.....	Charles W. Ackley.
Virginia Delta.....	John Y. Mason.
Ohio Alpha.....	T. M. Freeman.
Indiana Alpha.....	F. L. Cavanagh.
New York Alpha.....	Glen P. VanEseltine.
Virginia Zeta.....	R. N. Walker.
Georgia Alpha.....	George M. Hope.
Delaware Alpha.....	E. G. Brown.
Virginia Eta.....	J. W. Harris, Jr.
Arkansas Alpha.....	E. B. Gilliam, Jr.
Pennsylvania Epsilon.....	W. E. McComas.
Ohio Gamma.....	John E. Jones.
Vermont Alpha.....	F. S. Hoff.
North Carolina Gamma.....	D. H. Fuller.
New Hampshire Alpha.....	D. B. O'Connor, Jr.
District of Columbia Alpha.....	T. L. Creekmore.
Kansas Alpha.....	Murl T. Capps.
California Alpha.....	B. H. Maddox.
Nebraska Alpha.....	E. R. Spaulding.
Washington Alpha.....	Max E. Baumeister.
Massachusetts Alpha.....	A. W. Dodge.
Ohio Delta.....	F. R. St. Clair.

In addition to the above list a number of alumni were present and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings of each session. All of the business sessions were held in one of the large rooms on the twelfth floor of the Hotel Tuller.

At the fall of Grand President Cooney's gavel on Monday morning, the Convention was officially opened and considerable time was taken in getting all delegates and visiting brothers registered, after which our Grand President made his opening address and concluded by

reading the appointments of all committees. This business session lasted until noon and it was announced that all members meet at 1:30 o'clock for a convention picture, a cut of which we run in this issue. After various pictures had been taken, automobiles which had been procured, were ready and a happy crowd started upon a sight seeing tour of the city of Detroit, and a visit to the Packard Automobile factory, which we were told was the largest and best equipped auto factory in existence. The fraternity was shown extended courtesies by this company and our large crowd was generously supplied with guides and admitted to all parts of the Packard works. At a late hour all returned to the Convention headquarters, and the evening was spent as the brothers desired there being nothing in the Fraternity calendar for Monday evening.

The next morning at the usual convention hour, all delegates and visitors were in their seats and the regular business program was carried out throughout the morning as scheduled. Before the noon adjournment the chairman of the entertainment committee made an announcement to the effect that the Steamer Alex. J. Sullivan had been chartered for the afternoon, exclusively for the Fraternity, and that a trip of twenty miles by water would be made to the St. Clair Flats where dinner would be served. This social feature took the place of an afternoon business session and adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock in the evening, or upon the return of the members from the boat trip. This session, however, was necessarily postponed as more time was spent upon the trip than had been anticipated, and the hour for the evening session was changed to 7:30 A. M., Wednesday. This was the last day of the Convention and the entire morning was used in disposing of the regular routine business. Adjournment was taken until 2:30 P. M. which was the final business session of the convention. This session was probably the most important. Various things were proposed by chapter delegates, some of which were made laws and others referred. All Grand Chapter Officers and the Editor of the Journal were elected at this session.

In this issue we give pictures and mention of the Grand Chapter Officers elected. Adjournment was made until 8:30 P. M. the time set for the banquet, and we may say that this event was perhaps the most

enjoyable social function of the session. The following is the banquet menu:

### MENU

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*Canape, Fantaisie*

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*Bisque of Tomato  
Saltines*

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*Celery*

*Olives*

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*Radishes*

*Planked Whitefish, en Bordure*

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*Green Chartreuse Punch*

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*Broiled Spring Chicken, au Cresson  
Fresh Brussels Sprouts*

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*Princess Salad*

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*Fraternity Ice Cream  
Bonbon Cakes*

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*Coffee*

Brother Wingett, in his usual jovial manner acted as Toastmaster and exhausted the average man's vocabulary in making introductions which varied from the "Wild and Woolly West" to the "Sunny South" and back to New England where we heard "The Spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon." The list of Toasts given were as follows:

### TOASTS.

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Toastmaster—Bro. W. F. Wingett.

Bro. W. F. Wingett, . . . . . Delaware Alpha

"A Whistle Denotes Only the Eats."

Bro. N. R. Cooney.....	Ohio Alpha
<i>"Alumni."</i>	
Bro. J. H. Bowen.....	Virginia Delta
<i>"Sunny South."</i>	
Bro. E. V. Dunklee.....	Colorado Alpha
<i>"Western Expansion."</i>	
Bro. O'Connor.....	New Hampshire Alpha
<i>"Spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon."</i>	
Bro. M. E. Baumeister.....	Washington Alpha
<i>"Wild and Woolly West."</i>	
Bro. E. R. St. Clair.....	Ohio Delta
<i>"Baby Chapter."</i>	
Bro. B. H. Maddox.....	California Alpha
<i>"California and the Golden West."</i>	
Bro. J. C. Griffin.....	New York Alpha
<i>"Little Things."</i>	

The banquet was the crowning event of the Conclave and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the brothers present. At a late hour the brothers began to separate, it being necessary for some to go to their trains. All departed with a feeling of good fellowship and the Seventh Conclave was ended.

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## BUSINESS SESSIONS OF CONCLAVE.

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In every convention of any importance there are many subjects which come up for consideration and discussion; the various delegates, from different parts of the country, are often influenced by local and sectional interests and as a result the proposals advanced sometimes conflict. Even aside from local interests, the business is diverse and the different acts of the convention have often no apparent relation. In other words, the various acts seem to have nothing in common. It is only by reviewing the proceedings later that we can hope to arrive at this common spirit which was the keynote of the convention.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon conclave was no exception to conventions in

general; we had local and sectional interests represented and the mass of proposals which were to all appearances separate and distinct. But through it all there was the same under-current of feeling, the same common spirit at the bottom of every bit of business transacted.

In order to make the necessary comparisons by which to arrive at our dominant spirit, let us review briefly the most important acts of the conclave. We notice first that the Grand Chapter adopted a *national*



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."  
Takes As the Steamer Rocked Along.

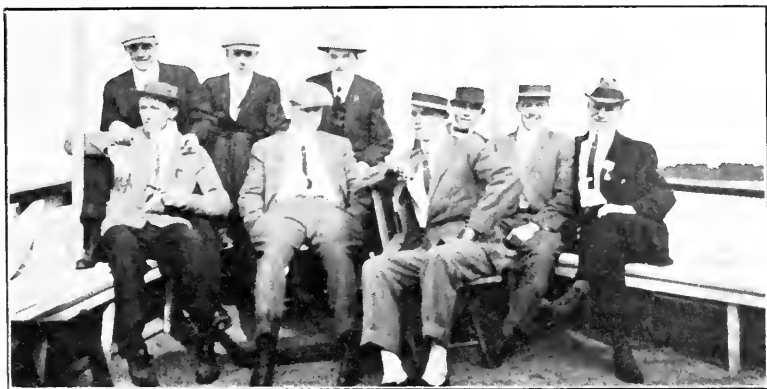
flag and a *national* whistle and agitated the question of a *national* song. Further, we find the adoption of a uniform system of chapter accounting as well as a new and improved chapter membership record. Henceforth the active chapters must be notified of all petitions for charters and the chapters in any district are to be consulted regarding such petitions from their district. The JOURNAL has been re-organized and strenuous efforts are being made to make it a truly representative publication.

And this brings us to the most important work of the conclave—the movement for the organization of the alumni. Realizing the tremendous value of a loyal alumni to the fraternity and also recognizing the fact that at present the alumni have no part in its government and no voice in its deliberations, the conclave appointed a committee to draft a plan whereby the alumni shall have a definite position and definite powers.



This review is full enough to bring out that which we are seeking. What do these several propositions means? Are they separate and distinct, or is there a spirit common to all of them? To answer these questions let us examine the foregoing survey briefly.

The *national* fraternity whistle, the *national* fraternity flag and the *national* fraternity song were a recognition of a well-defined feeling of NATIONALITY; the local was lost in the general, the "hatchet" was



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."  
A Few Happy Brothers.

buried, and all worked for the advancement of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The uniform system of chapter accounting was a further instance of this feeling.

Further, the new chapter membership record is evidence of a "GET-TOGETHER" spirit as between the chapter and their members, past and present. It not only shows a "GET-TOGETHER" spirit but a "STAY-TOGETHER" spirit as well.

This "GET-TOGETHER" spirit appears plainly again in the plan for the notification and consultation of chapters concerning charter petitions. In fact, there is no better example of this spirit: "Let us get together in granting charters and thus act to the best interests of all." And passing to the plans for a bigger and better Journal, we find this same "GET-TOGETHER" spirit operating in a somewhat larger field, embracing all members, both active and alumni.

Perhaps this spirit reached a climax in the plan for the organization

of the alumni; it was the finishing touch to the "GET-TOGETHER" idea which found its outlet here. To its alumni the fraternity-at-large looks for permanent strength and stability; to the fraternity the alumni are looking for a right to a definite place in the organization. It was the "GET-TOGETHER" spirit operating between these two factors that resulted in this plan for the organization of the alumni.

The feeling of NATIONALITY and the "GET-TOGETHER" spirit thus found in the conclave should be an object lesson to the several chapters. The feeling of nationality implies that the interests of the fraternity as a whole are greater than the interests of any one chapter; the "GET-TOGETHER" spirit implies harmony, united action, and good, hard work. And implying these things, this spirit will not be an abstract theory, but will produce certain results. The member will ever be ready to work for his chapter, even if it means the occasional sacrifice of personal interests; the chapter will strive to keep in touch with its alumni; and both active and alumni members will unite in working for the best interests of all.

With such a feeling and such a spirit predominant throughout the organization; with enthusiastic active members and loyal alumni; and with all working under the direction of an earnest and efficient corps of officers we cannot fail to attain those highest results which in themselves are our justification and which will mark us as the best fraternity in Greekdom.

Faternally,

E. R. SPAULDING,

NEBRASKA ALPHA, '12.

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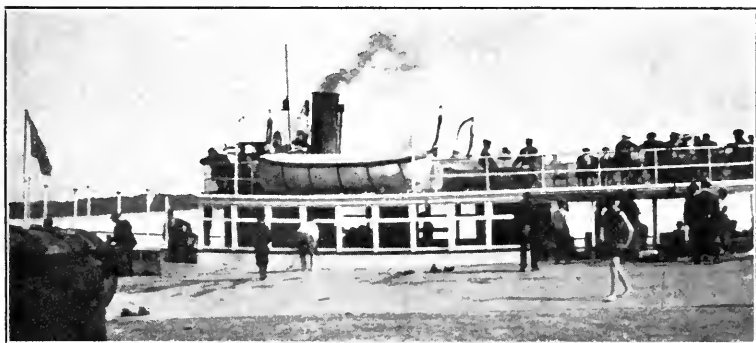
## IMPRESSIONS OF A DELEGATE.

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Every delegate returning to his chapter will be eagerly questioned by the brothers about his experiences at the Conclave. It has already been the task of the writer to describe some of the events to the fellows who sent him as their representative, and many times in the future it will be his pleasure to live over again the events of the convention week.

It can be summed up as one constantly shifting image of pleasure and work, so mingled as to give the keenest enjoyment to all.

My impressions of the Conclave commenced on the Express to Buffalo when I met the delegates from New Hampshire and Vermont. In the hearty greetings that followed I caught a glimpse of the fellowship that has made us a truly national fraternity. Then the ensuing conversation quickly turned to the work to be done at Detroit, emphasizing the keynote of the Conclave, constructive and united effort for the Brotherhood.



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."  
Steamer "Sullivan."

Sunday night on the boat to Detroit a number of brothers gathered on the top deck to get acquainted and talk of the approaching Conclave. Here I learned that it is not hard to become acquainted with a brother. A handclasp and a greeting, and you have a friend beside you that you feel you have known for years.

By nine o'clock our little group of brothers mingled with the large crowd in the lobby of Hotel Tuller. Here I had the pleasure of meeting Brother Maddox of California Alpha. Our greeting was the uniting of the East and the West. Old Massachusetts and Sunny California. Here was an instance of the growth of our Fraternity during the last two years, both of us representing chapters absent from Washington Conclave of 1910.

A few minutes later the older members had the pleasure of hearing the roll call with its list of younger chapters from the finest colleges of

the country. It made me proud of the fraternity as the clean-cut college men answered to their chapter names. The personnel of that assembly could hardly have been equalled. It certainly answered the question once for all of the present high position of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in the fraternity world.

I would hardly dare attempt to speak of the work of the Conclave, but I have very vivid memories of the hours spent in committee-rooms after the return from the Packard factories. Here the delegates de-



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."

A Snap Shot.

veloped their lobbying powers, fought for or against proposed measures and defended their own propositions. The cold gray dawn found many groups wearily passing on material presented to them by the Grand President.

Tuesday afternoon proved the panacea for all the worries of the night before. We enjoyed a ride up Lake St. Clair that will linger long in the memories of the fortunate brothers, as will the fish and chicken supper which followed.

That night the committee work was finished and the morning witnessed the passing of many propositions presented by the delegates after much exciting debate. There is no doubt in the delegates' minds that we have a number of sprouting Daniel Websters in the fraternity.

but that first prize would have to be divided among the Grand Officers. One was impressed with the fact that we have been extremely fortunate in our leaders, and that to them go the credit and praise for the unrivaled success of the fraternity.

As usual the banquet proved the crowning success of the Conclave. In spite of the motion of one misguided delegate that the ladies be excluded after the "eats" were cared for, our sisters refused to leave and "brethren and sister dreams" became the burden of the toastmaster, Brother Wingett's introductions. With a series of rattling good speeches from the afore-mentioned Daniel Websters, the banquet and seventh Conclave ended.

There was not a delegate there but will live over the pleasures of the convention many times. The meeting of brothers from all parts of the country, the personel of our Grand Officeres, the reports of progress and extension will always fill us with a thrill of pride in our Grand National Fraternity. The long banquet table, with the laughing, applauding brothers and merry sisters; the speeches and hopes for the future expressed, will not soon be forgotten. And always will linger in the memory of the quiet moonlit lake, the brothers and sisters scattered around the deck and the fraternity songs subdued by the silent night, breathing of the wonderful brotherhood and spirit of the Seventh Conclave of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

*A. W. Dodge,*

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA, '12.

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## AS SEEN AND HEARD.

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The Alumni identification pin is a good thing if the members can be induced to wear them. Brothers who do considerable traveling and also those who live in large cities are especially urged to wear them.

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The "Song-birds" were much in evidence on the boat trip. Wingett's rendition of "Heidelberg" probably should take first honors, although "Washington" Max and "Ohio" Oistad were showing him a good race. The "scrub" quartette kept the ladies from getting sea sick.

We are sorry that a number of the brothers faces are not to be found in the Convention picture that we run in this issue. Even our Retiring Grand President seemed to have been elsewhere just at the time set for the Conclave picture.



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."

Near One End of the Top Deck.

Numerous requests were read in Convention from many cities who would be glad to be our host for our next Conclave. Many favored Denver for a convention city two years hence, while some proposed that we wait for "Frisco" in 1915. It was left within the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee to decide.

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A nice souvenir was given by the Fraternity to all members at the time of registration. The upper part contained the date and words, "Seventh Grand Chapter Conclave, Detroit, Michigan." The lower part was our coat-of-arms in solid metal, the two being connected by a ribbon of purple and red. Small crest souvenirs were given to members by Fraternity Jewelers present.

At the final session of the Conclave, the Grand Secretary made a report for the Executive Committee to the effect that four new charters had been granted. They are Locals who have petitioned from Cornell University, University of Michigan, Brown University, and Iowa Wesleyan University. The installation at Cornell has already taken place, an account may be found elsewhere in this issue. The probable time for the remaining installations will be Brown in November, Michigan in December and Iowa Wesleyan in January.



"BOAT TRIP TO THE FLATS."

Enjoying the Lake Ride.

The Seventh Grand Chapter Conclave is now a matter of history. Its sessions were full of interesting and important proceedings. Some changes took place, of course for the betterment of the fraternity's interests, and as a whole it was perhaps one of the best gatherings the Fraternity has ever held. Pleasure trips were taken at convenient times, the most important of which were the City sight seeing trip; visit to the Packard Automobile Factory; and a boat trip thirty miles by water to the Island Flats. The latter trip was made in the Steamer Sullivan, chartered especially by the Fraternity for this trip. At all times during the sessions, the air about Hotel Tuller was expressive of the fact that a young, vigorous, growing fraternity was there in session and doing things.

We were very much pleased to have our lady relatives with us at Detroit, and we hope that at our next Conclave more of the brothers can bring their wives and sisters with them.

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## **UNIFORM CHAPTER ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.**

Although we are a fraternal organization, and not a business enterprise, yet there are always some business transactions necessary for any co-operative group, and the better and more systematic we can handle these necessary transactions the better organization we can have.

With the increase of chapters and consequent development of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it becomes more and more necessary to systematize the work, for one chapter to help the other in giving over its experience and for the grand officers to help us get the best results with the least work.

In view of the fact that New York Alpha has found it much to their advantage to develop a system whereby they would know what was owed them by the brothers and what they owed as a chapter, and finding further, that such a system made it very much easier to get out the report for the Grand Secretary, as complying with the By-Laws and Constitution, Section 34, they therefore advocated at the last Conclave that a uniform bookkeeping system be adopted, which would meet the requirements of the local chapters and also of the Grand Chapter. It was no idea that New York Alpha had found a perfect system, but that steps should be taken to have a uniform system adopted.

As we all know, it was decided that this be done, and a committee was appointed to get this plan worked out and submit same to the Executive Committee as soon as possible. If approved, the Grand Officers are to have the loose leaves or books on hand at all times, and will furnish chapters as necessary from time to time.

This will ensure a uniform system, which has been tried out, and will give a new chapter the benefit of the experience of the older chapters. In genral, it will not be a case of the Grand Secretary calling monthly for seemingly unreasonable reports, but he will co-operate with



the chapters, show them how to keep the books in simple style in order to make easy the filling out of such reports. This will make a continuation of one administration to another, and not necessitate the new treasurer to find out by hard knocks the best methods of keeping his records.

For this work, however, we need your co-operation and help. You may have a system that is better than the one which any one member of the committee has in mind and in this, as in all other things, we want the best for Sigma Phi Epsilon. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you think would work well, or if as a treasurer of your chapter, you can give us at once a sample of the system you have found best, it will be of great help to the committee.

For the Committee.

OTTO G. REUMANN (*Chairman*), *New York Alpha*, '13;

F. S. DESLOGE, *Indiana Alpha*;

E. G. BROWN, *Delaware Alpha*;

W. F. WINGETT, *Grand Treasurer*.

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## OUR OFFICERS.

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Our Fraternity, in the past, has had men for Grand Chapter Officers to whom we should feel greatly obligated for their generous time, thoughtful service, and unlimited loyalty to our organization. The officers are the chief bearers of our burdens and the amount of work which they do is scarcely appreciated by the average member.

We are now at a period of great advance in many respects, and our Officers have taken great care to make their steps in the right direction. The magnitude of the work which they have done is little known, and the success of their efforts is a matter of record. As our Grand President and Grand Vice-President retire, it is proper that our Fraternity should acknowledge its indebtedness to them. Brothers N. R. Cooney and F. S. Robbins have labored heroically for Sigma Phi Epsilon, their time and energy has been given gratuitously and unselfishly and they are now on record as having had an integral part of

the upbuilding of real constructive fraternity work. Below we make a few remarks about the men individually.

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#### NELSON R. COONEY, RETIRING GRAND PRESIDENT.

Nelson R. Cooney, Ohio Alpha, '05, has been President of our Grand Chapter since the Conclave in Philadelphia in April, 1906. In the period of over six years that he has been at the head of the affairs of the Fraternity, he has worked earnestly and zealously for the best interests of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Previous to the Chicago Conclave, in 1908, he had spent many months in the preparation of a Constitution and Laws which were submitted and adopted at that meeting. His efforts along this line greatly strengthened our governing forces and made uniform with the chapters many things which had been at a variance. At the Washington, D. C., Conclave in 1910 he was re-elected Grand President for the fourth successive time.

Brother Cooney has done a great service to our organization, and the appreciation and esteem which the Fraternity has for him is evidenced by the fact that he was retained for six years at its head.

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#### JOHN C. GRIFFIN, GRAND PRESIDENT.

John Calvin Griffin, formerly our Grand Treasurer, is our newly elected Grand President. He is a man who has given much of his time and energy to fraternity work and he has always been interested in the growth and prosperity of our organization. He is a member of New York Alpha Chapter, and a graduate from Syracuse University and at the present time is engaged in the practice of law at Albany, New York. He was a charter member and the first initiate of his chapter, being initiated at the time his chapter was installed on February 7th, 1906.

He has already served us well as a Grand Chapter Officer and his election as Grand President is honor conferred upon a deserving brother. He is deserving of especial mention for the services he has rendered the Fraternity in the past as Treasurer.



NELSON RANDOLPH COONEY, Ohio Alpha. Retiring Grand President.



JOHN CALVIN GRIFFIN—Grand President.

## FRANK S. ROBBINS, RETIRING GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Frank Sheppard Robbins, the retiring Grand Vice-President, entered Purdue University in the fall of 1902, as a mechanical engineer and four years later was graduated. He was a charter member of Indiana Alpha chapter and represented that chapter at the Conclave held in Philadelphia in 1906, and also was their official delegate to the Richmond Conclave in 1907. In 1908 he was elected Grand Historian and served in that office until the Conclave held in Wishington, D. C., in 1910, being then elected Grand Vice-President.

Previous to his election as Grand Historian he began the collection of data for the Fraternity Directory and succeeded in getting a large portion of this work accomplished for his successor in office who completed the publication.

Our fraternity greatly appreciates the efficient service Brother Robbins has given it as a Grand Chapter Officer.

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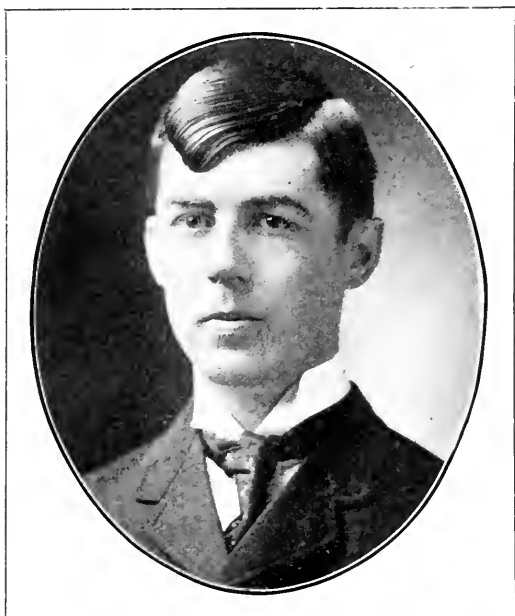
## CHARLES L. YANCEY, GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

For Vice-President of our Grand Chapter, the Fraternity very wisely elected Brother Charles L. Yancey, who has been a Grand Chapter Officer since the Conclave of 1910 at Washington, D. C., at that time being elected Grand Historian. His thoroughly efficient and energetic work in the office of Historian was his best recommendation for advancement.

He entered Randolph-Macon College in 1904 and was a charter member of Virginia Zeta, being instrumental in forming the local which afterwards became that chapter. He has twice conducted the ritual work at installations and did very efficient work in publishing the first Sigma Phi Epsilon Directory. In 1908 he was graduated from Randolph-Macon with the degree A. B. and in 1912 he received his degree in Law, graduating from Georgetown Law School at Washington, D. C. He soon took the Oklahoma State Bar Examination and is now practicing law at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

OUR OFFICERS.

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FRANK SHEPHERD ROBBINS. Ind. Alpha.  
Retiring Grand Vice-President.



CHARLES LAYTON YANCEY. Va. Zeta, D. of C. Alpha.  
Grand Vice-President.

## WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS, GRAND SECRETARY.

William Lazell Phillips was born September 1st, 1873, at Normal, Illinois and later moved to New Jersey where he attended the public schools at Newark. In 1899, and the two years following, he attended the New York Preparatory Schools and in the fall of 1901 entered the Law School of Richmond College and attended for two years.

He was one of the founders of our Fraternity and was the first Secretary of the Alpha Chapter. At the Conclave in Richmond, Virginia, in 1904, he was elected Editor-in-Chief of our Journal and was continued in that position for nine years. At the Chicago Conclave in 1908, he was appointed District Deputy and before the meeting adjourned he was elected National Secretary, still occupying that important position. He is the only member of our Fraternity who has attended every Conclave, and his record for installations attended, numbers twenty-two.

It is fortunate for us, that our organization is able to secure the services of such a strong man. From the date of our founding, to the present time, he has given his heart and soul unselfishly and unreservedly to the work of his office. Our Fraternity is to be congratulated that it has such a man for one of its leading officers.

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WILLIAM FLOYD WINGETT, GRAND TREASURER.

William Floyd Wingett was born August 24th, 1885, at Washington, Pennsylvania. His preparatory education was received in the Public Schools of Pittsburg and in the Pittsburg Academy. He entered Delaware State College in 1905, and graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While in college he was President of the student Athletic Association and played for one year on the University Foot Ball squad, and in 1908 was manager of the University Basket-Ball Team. He was Editor-in-chief of his class Annual and during the school year 1907-8 participated in an intercollegiate debate.

He was a charter member of Delaware Alpha Chapter, and at the Conclave held in Richmond, Virginia, in 1907, he was elected Grand Guard serving for five years in that office. At our last Conclave he was elected Grand Treasurer. He is a "western-easterner" being at present engaged in business in Denver, Colorado.



WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS. Grand Secretary.



W. FLOYD WINGETT, Delta Alpha—Grand President.

## GUY W. SMITH, GRAND HISTORIAN.

For the office of Grand Historian, Brother Guy W. Smith, of Colorado Alpha, was chosen. He is a western man, was born near Castle Rock, Colorado, October 7th, 1885, and was graduated from the graded and High Schools at that place, afterwards entering the Electrical Engineering Department of the University of Colorado, from which he was graduated in 1908. In 1909 he received the degree M. S. and since that time he has been an instructor in Engineering Mathematics at the University of Colorado.

While a graduate student, he was elected to membership in the Honorary society of Sigma Xi. He is a member of our Colorado Alpha Chapter, receiving his initiation in the fall of 1905, and in 1908 represented that chapter as an official delegate to the Conclave held in Chicago.

We congratulate Brother Smith upon becoming one of our Grand Chapter Officers.

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## HARRY G. WHEAT, GRAND GUARD.

Harry G. Wheat was born near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, April 8th, 1890. He attended the country schools and later graduated from the Davis High School. In 1908 he entered the West Virginia University, from which he graduated in 1912. While in college, he served on the Editorial Board of the student publication, on the Athletic Board of Control, and as Major of the Cadet Battalion. Upon graduation he was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

He was initiated into the West Virginia Beta Chapter of the fraternity in May, 1908. He attended the Conclave at Detroit, and all were pleased with the enthusiastic manner in which he labored with Committees. This will be the first experience for Brother Wheat as a Grand Chapter Officer.





GUY WATSON SMITH. Colorado Alpha. Grand Historian.



HARRY GROVE WHEAT. W. Va. Beta. Grand Guard.

## INSTALLATION OF N. Y. BETA CHAPTER

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With the dawn of September 24th came the porter to announce Ithaca, rousing us to the realization that another big day had come to  $\Sigma \Phi E$  history.

Arriving at the Chapter House, at 112 Edgemoor Lane, we found a goodly number of Neophytes assembled, all ready, yes, eager for the great work of making them members of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , to begin.

After looking about and getting acquainted with the Cornell men a committee was started to East Ithaca to meet the delegation of twenty-two men from Syracuse. Upon their arrival preparations were made to install New York Beta Chapter. The initiates numbered twenty, as follows:

Harry Clark Baldwin, Law, '06, Ithaca, N. Y.  
George James Couch, Law, '06, Rochester, N. Y.  
James Ferris McKinney, Law, '12, Ithaca, N. Y.  
Carl Herman Mueller, Law, '13, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Gage Washburn Tidd, M. E., '12, Elmira, N. Y.  
Harold Hine Lyon, Arts, '13, Ellenville, N. Y.  
Kenneth Draper Means, M. E., '13, Geneva, N. Y.  
Neill Houston, M. E., '13, Willsboro, Pa.  
Edward Godfrey Lawson, Architecture, '13, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Albert Philip Dippold, Architecture, '14, Chicago, Ill.  
August Bernard Meyer, C. E., '14, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
William Henry Baugher, C. E., '14, Baltimore, Md.  
Frederick Sherman Parker, Architecture, '13, Auburn, N. Y.  
James Douglass MacMahon, Chemistry, '14, Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
Ralph Edgar Ogden, Chemistry, '15, Middletown, N. Y.  
Walter Henry Dieckman, Arts, '14, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Merle Cornelius Van Dine, Law, '15, Cedarhurst, L. I.  
Kenneth Brown Van Bergen, M. E., '15, St. Paul, Minn.  
William Henry Mayer, Jr., Arts, '15, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Clarence Edgar Foster, C. E., '15, Buffalo, N. Y.

The work by the two teams sent by New York Alpha under the supervision of District Deputy Keller was most efficiently done.



MEMBERS OF NEW YORK BETA AND INSTALLING COMMITTEE

1. H. Hanna, 2. O. Astmann, 3. M. Conklin, 4. J. Long, 5. C. Hooper, 6. A. Shooth, 7. H. Rood, 8. H. Taylor, 9. M. C. Vandine, 10. P. Prentice, 11. N. Gilmore, 12. C. C. Astmann, 13. J. Langdon, 14. C. P. Astmann, 15. A. Weigand, 16. C. Forster, 17. W. Moxer, 18. W. Tidd, 19. N. Houghton, 20. W. H. Baugher, 21. G. Arnold, 22. G. Hooper, 23. O. Reumann, 24. B. Kenyon, 25. E. C. Baldwin, 26. R. C. Rudison, 27. F. S. Parker, 28. R. E. Ogden, 29. Geo. J. Couch, 30. A. Moxer, 31. Walter H. Dieckmann, 32. K. B. VanBergen, 33. H. H. Lyon, 34. E. C. White, 35. H. C. Galloway, 36. G. Van Eseltine, 37. P. S. Robbins, 38. John C. Griffin, 39. W. L. Phillips, 40. R. B. Keller, 41. A. P. Dippols, 42. K. P. Rault, 43. P. P. Owen, 44. C. H. Mueller, 45. K. J. Means, 46. J. D. McMahon, 47. E. C. Lawson.

After the day's work was completed all adjourned to the dining room of the local chapter, where a royal feast was ready, and this was enjoyed by all. As usual with the "smokes," the speeches began and Toastmaster Baldwin discovered a number of good talkers who aroused much enthusiasm by describing the good work of the past and present and prophesying the wonderful things for the future. Other topics along less serious lines were discussed and much humor was injected in many of the speeches.

The festivities lasted until midnight, when all retired satisfied that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  had made another great step in advance.

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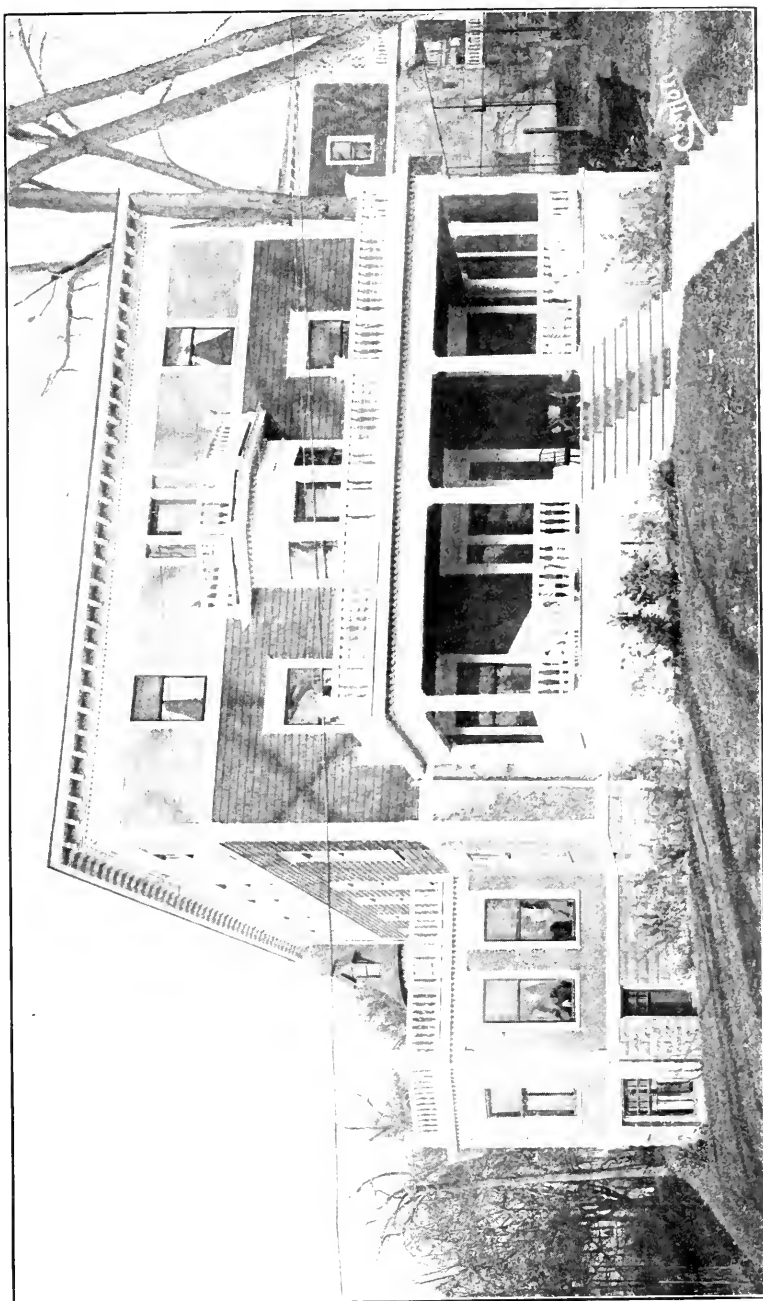
### N. Y. BETA AS A LOCAL.

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Finch Senate of Theta Lambda Phi Fraternity was installed at Cornell University, December 12th, 1903. Its membership included only law students, and its mission was to law students only. However, a few years of development brought with them re-adjustment. Peculiar conditions at Cornell offered their own problems. Finch Senate of Theta Lambda Phi had followed the traditional lines of growth. It had become established in the fraternity community upon the same basis with the general fraternities. It refused membership to men of other fraternities; in short, it had an identity of its own.

It was soon found to be impossible to confine its membership to law students unless it admitted men from other houses. This it could not do, and accordingly Finch Senate of Theta Lambda Phi became a general chapter. Its membership since has included men from all college of the University, excepting Medicine.

Theta Lambda Phi grew nationally and prospered as a law fraternity; Finch Senate grew locally as a general chapter. The interests of the two became divergent. Theta Lambda Phi desired a purely law chapter at Cornell; Finch Senate desired affiliation with a good general fraternity. Accordingly, upon request from the Finch Senate, the Supreme Senate placed all except the law members of the chapter upon the associate membership list, thus permitting them to apply for a charter from a general fraternity.



NEW YORK BETA CHAPTER HOUSE - CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

This petition resulted in the installation on September 24th, 1912, of the New York Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The installing officers, Wm. L. Phillips and J. C. Griffin from the Grand Chapter, ably assisted by Robert B. Keller, F. S. Robbins of Indiana Alpha, and O. G. Reuman and brother officers of New York Alpha. There were present, altogether, thirty-one brothers from other chapters, two from the Grand Chapter, two from New Hampshire Alpha, one from Vermont Alpha, two from Indiana Alpha and twenty-four from New York Alpha.

The installation itself lasted from 9:30 A. M. till 8:00 P. M., after which a banquet was served in the dining room of the lodge, followed by speeches of unusual interest. The toastmaster upon this occasion was Brother H. C. Baldwin, Supreme Officer of Theta Lambda Phi, and the first member of New York Beta Chapter.

Since 1907 the new chapter has been established in its present lodge at No. 112 Edgemoor Lane. Members prominent and obscure have come and gone. We have had 'C' men in all branches of major and minor sports where the insignia is awarded. We have had men in all branches of University activities. Our present membership includes the Business Manager of the *Cornell Era*, the Treasurer of the Class of 1914, Assistant manager of Lacrosse, Captain of the swimming team, member of the hockey team and a member of the musical clubs. Other men are out in the various other competitions.

New York Beta is glad of this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to all Sigma Phi Epsilon men everywhere.

NEIL HOUSTON, N. Y. BETA.

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## THE SMALL COLLEGE AND THE FRATERNITY SYSTEM.

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The recent action of Sigma Phi Epsilon as to the new Iowa Wesleyan Chapter and a note of invitation from the Contributing Editor of the JOURNAL, gives me a opportunity to express briefly some ideas on the importance of the small college to the fraternity system.

The late President Harper said to me in the last interview that I had with him, "The day of the small college is at hand." Along with this easily discernible emphasis on the small college it is worth while to comment upon the part the small college chapters plays in national fraternities and adduce some of the seasons therefor.

As you run over the list of chapters in almost any fraternity, in the order of their founding, you will be surprised at the institutions which furnished the initial impulse for the fraternity, and which had grip and continuity so that they remain until this day.

Moreover, a glance at the list of the officials of the general fraternities develops the surprising fact that every large proportion of them are from the small colleges. Then it is note-worthy that at the big banquets the toast-masters and toast-makers very often hail from the small colleges. Or mark the multiplication of fraternity houses in the small colleges and notice how the rootlets of some successful business man's affection seem to twine about them; figure up the number of men who drop out of the small colleges, who appear at the Universities and are "affiliated" with the chapters located there, and, finally trace the "founders" of new fraternity chapters, at the big institutions, who thereupon begin to furnish all the emulation the "oldest" and "leading" fraternities can stand, and you will soon begin to understand what part the small college chapter plays in the Greek world. The reasons are not far to seek; dissipation is at the minimum in the small college. It is not an uncommon thing for the fraternity men from the small college to refuse "affiliation" with their own chapter at the big "U" and who has not noticed that the men who are the most disgusting and hilarious at the big banquets, where they begin with cocktails, and take the whole program of overfeeding and imbibing are very seldom men from the small colleges.

Then again discipline is at a premium in the small college chapter; it must be so. Delegates from the Universities are all too willing to raise a question about the "standing" of the small college chapter at the annual or biennial meeting. The little chaps are always put on the rack. The "big brothers" are perforce passed over—are they not located in one of the biggest twenty institutions for enrollment and no matter what the standing of the chapter in their own University community

may be they are all right. Then, too, the little chapters are watched challenged, investigated, and like the pugilist, exist only so long as they keep "fit." Then the small chapter is, pro rata, very largely the source of successful men. A brochure on the subject lies on my desk at this writing and the figures it contains are seismic and volcanic. They inhere in the very situation; on one hand a man goes out of the High School where approximately \$10 per annum is spent on his training and is shunted off to the University where in round numbers \$200 per year is expended on the enlargement of his brain convolutions by the State or by some great educational foundation. It is small wonder that he comes to think that money grows on bushes and proceeds to "hit up the pace." The small college man meanwhile takes care of a furnace, waits table at the "Hall," or acts as private secretary to some local business man while he takes his college work. He knows all the faculty, calls on the Dean's daughter, has a ride in prexy's touring car, and along with his recites, gets the self-control, self-reliance, and the self-respect, which are the basis of long life and success.

It is an honor to have Iowa Wesleyan, along with big Schools who were thus selected at the Detroit meeting, accorded a new chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. My prophecy is that the chapter here will help to furnish the world as many good men pro rata as the very best of the list and this statement is an induction based on careful consideration of the relation of small college chapters to the national fraternity system.

*President's House,*

EDWIN A. SCHELL.

*Iowa Wesleyan College, Oct. 1, 1912.*

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## THE SCHOLARSHIP QUESTION.

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There lies before me as I write a tabulated report of the relative standing of the fraternity and non-fraternity men in a certain Western University. Unfortunately, but as is to be expected, the percentage of standing of the fraternity men is lower than (being only half) that of their non-fraternity brothers. I wonder why no one is surprised



at this, doubtful or indignant. No one is even interested in the statement, because everyone has known it ever since he remembers hearing of fraternities. It is one of the things one smiles about, but makes weak effort to correct. One has fought valiantly to add to his membership the swellest fellows in school, the governor's son or Percy Lighthead, because he owns a machine; but did he ever fight for a student?

Would the fraternity man's scholarship be better if he did not belong to a fraternity? Many times it would not be. Because of this I am inclined to feel it is a lamentable fact that the standard of choice is so often wrong. It is just as lamentable and about as self-evident that the reason for our being has been lost sight of. It might be good brain exercise for some of us to ponder well these facts, but even then the conclusions would be so varied that the results would profit us but little. Since faint hope for improvement is to be looked for in these directions, we shall be obliged to take the fraternity conditions as we find them, and see where improvements can be made from within.

What is the reason for attending a university? Presumably for an education. What is the reason for joining a fraternity? Certainly not to parade one's self. The purpose in attending a university ought to outweigh all others, thereby eliminating all question of scholarship. But unfortunately it does not. Any abuse of the fraternity system is very noticeable, and the attention which this particular abuse has attracted seems to indicate a condition of serious proportions. Let us hope not too serious to permit of a remedy. The scholarship complaint is the most serious charge that has ever been brought against the fraternities. Certain it is that poor scholarship has brought upon the fraternities the very undesirable sophomore pledge day, the avowed purpose of which is to improve scholarship. It is not too much then to look into the future and see a dimly outlined spectre hovering over the Greek system. Since it is clear why one attends a university, and not so clear as to why one joins a fraternity, it may some day come to pass that fraternity interests will be subordinated to those of the university and result in the abolishment of the former. Let us hope not.

"To give the devil his dues," many demands are made upon the fraternity man's time that are not made upon the non-fraternity man's time. The fraternity man is expected to foster this enterprise or that, to lend his presence to this occasion or that, and finally to have the welfare of the university so at heart that he is to be found at all its activities. A little hard upon the fraternity man, but that is the price he must pay, not his license to escape study.

What is to be done about the deplorable scholarship of fraternities? The writer feels that since this old skeleton has been brought to light it will be necessary to assume the responsibility of burying it. Pedagogy offers no new and startling method of studying which will make it easy for all. Studying has always been hard. Some day perhaps we shall do it by machinery, but that time has not yet arrived. There must be present in every one desire, ambition, and willingness to work before his career will spell student. Valuable assets are to be found in energy, will power and pride of accomplishment. Without these one is no student. If not a student, he is wasting his time, his father's money and his professors' patience. He is a "near" student and a university is no place for him. In the absence of any short-cut rules for study, let him conclude that he is a hindrance to his fraternity's scholarship record. The only way to atone for remissness in the past is to begin now to work and to improve one's time. Do not wait for the other fellow to improve. But let each one take this to himself and do a little house-cleaning on his own account. Then, and then only, will the results be marked. After a systematic effort to be rid of this evil, which has brought such serious abuse onto the whole fraternity system, the kindly purpose of the fraternity ought to be very apparent to its critics. Then the need for such organizations, their usefulness, their worth, and their effectiveness ought to be recognized by all, and their right to exist ought to pass unquestioned.

VIOLA GRAY, *Alpha Omicron Pi.*

## THE FRATERNITY IDEAL.

(*By the Contributing Editor.*)

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William J. Bryan's world-famed lecture, "The Value of an Ideal," has for its central theme that question asked so many years ago, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" It is our desire to use this text in discussing the values of the ideals of college fraternities. The ideal of the American Greek Letter Society is TRUE LIFE. And "true life" in so far as the American student is concerned rests upon scholarship. It may be said that scholarship is the foundation of a chapter's life, usefulness, and effectiveness. It is the soul of the fraternity idea and is the handmaiden of our doctrine of mutual helpfulness and brotherly love. "What will it profit a fraternity chapter, therefore, if it gain the whole college world and lose sight of its basic ideal?"

There is ever a tendency for the normal individual to overdo the externals of college life; to decree that "his studies shall not interfere with his college life." If a man is a fraternity man the danger is increased. He desires to gain glory for his chapter as well as for himself. The chapter may even urge him on. We agree that it is a fine thing for a man or a chapter to be prominent in the school's activities, to be represented in many organizations, to hold many class offices, to be known in athletics and society. If these can come to an individual or an organization without affecting their scholastic standing, we say well and good. But for a chapter to gain recognition in the social world, or in the field of college activity at the expense of those things in scholarship for which the American college stands, of what advantage is that? Of what benefit can it be either to the chapter or the man to have it said by one of the faculty or even by an outsider, "Yes, that man stood well in his classes until he joined 'such and so' fraternity?" Such was the case in a western university last year. The fraternity chapter in question was generally thought to be the 'best' chapter in the institution. It was prominent socially and in athletics and politics. It had no trouble in rushing. Yet its influence on one

man was such as to drag him down by pushing him forward. "What had it profited?"

In the student's life, college work and scholarship should come first. Properly this is ever followed by a healthy mingling of college activities and interests which are the student's pastimes. We are glad to say that  $E\Phi\Sigma$  nationally recognizes this fact and we believe that the chapters are everyone realizing its importance more than ever. The editor of this paper in his letter of instructions to chapter historians always requests, that in writing of honors gained by the chapter, scholarship honors be given the greatest stress, because of their primary importance. If each chapter would place the same stress upon scholarship that the national organization does, not a chapter in our brotherhood would turn out a man that was not of a well rounded out character. We do not plead for a crop of "digs," not for a minute. We desire merely that every chapter and every member of every chapter seek to establish a sane division of college work and play. Let such a division of activity be based on scholarship. The result will be to secure for every fraternity man, a broad and liberal training.

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## PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES.

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The object of this article is to discuss the relations existing between professional fraternities on the one hand, and the school, students, faculty, and social fraternities on the other. All statements made are the result of observations at many different universities throughout the country where the word college appears it means the college or department in the university. By professional fraternities are meant those fraternities which draw their men from the various professional colleges. This type of societies is divided into two divisions, one of which is called professional and the other honorary. While this division is awkward, yet nothing better can be done as long as honorary fraternities are included in the list of professional organizations.

A few words about the honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, may not be amiss before we go farther. The requirements

of P. B. K. at the present time are based wholly upon scholarship, the members being chosen from the seniors or juniors, either men or women, in the Arts and Science College. Members of Sigma Xi are chosen for original research that they have already done or are doing in any of the sciences or engineering.

The strictly professional fraternities can be of great value or detriment to a school. In a large college, of law or medicine say, there will be so many students registered that college spirit will be almost lacking unless fostered by some guiding influence. When college spirit is high the studies become a pleasure, if low they become hard work. The result is a marked decrease in the value received from such a course. To arouse this spirit new customs may be started by the fraternity, or the old customs may be revived with greater and better results. There are many ways of arousing this spirit. If there is a society open to all, or a college publication they should be supported, not monopolized, by the professional fraternity men to the best of their ability, not as fraternity members but as individuals. College celebrations, such as a Law's Barbecue or an Engineer's Week, should find their best and most enthusiastic supporters among the professional fraternity members. In fact, all things pertaining to the college should be upheld and encouraged.

In many instances, there will be two or more professional fraternities in the same college. This is a bad condition and should not be allowed unless the college is very large. It almost always happens that the two fraternities will quarrel and think more of injuring one another than they will of upholding college spirit. This sometimes results in a disagreement among the faculty, which of necessity, must cause a decline in the value of the course offered. This is more apt to be the case where professional bodies are concerned than where literary fraternities hold sway, because of the restricted field the former has for development. On the other hand, if there is only one professional fraternity in the college, its members should watch themselves closely for they are apt to forget the duty they owe the college in making their chapter stronger. But of the two conditions, the last is by far the best for college spirit and for the fraternity's influence for good. The fraternity is for the college, not the college for the fraternity.

The benefits derived from membership in a professional fraternity are too well known to be enumerated here. The relations between fraternity members and "barbs" in the same college should be cordial and mutually helpful. Snobbishness should be unknown.

Faculty members can and do exert a great influence upon the fraternity. A word of suggestion from them is cheerfully received and generally acted upon. Naturally they can help an honorary fraternity more than they can a strictly professional organization, because of the different nature of the two. In choosing members the honorary fraternity with hardly an exception obtains recommendations from their faculty members and vote accordingly. The active members, of course, should not impose upon the faculty members, but their relations should be such as to give the greatest possible good to the college.

The relations between honorary and professional fraternities and social or literary bodies are many and varied, depending upon the character of the members and of the customs at different schools. Some chapters are more inclined to elect members on account of their social qualities than are other chapters. Honorary fraternities are apt to forget their scholarship requirements unless held down by a strong constitution which so safeguards the election of members that it is almost impossible to make a mistake. If a man is a member of a professional fraternity, the stamp of good fellowship has been put upon him, even though he may be a poor student. This is dangerous, for should a member of an honorary fraternity have poor grades, the fact is heralded far and wide, resulting in a decline in position of his chapter. I believe that the requirements of Sigma Tau, my fraternity, are unique in the professional fraternity world, and will perhaps be of interest at this point. There are three requirements: sociability, practicability, and scholarship. These are the three qualifications of the successful engineer. The candidate must fulfill all requirements, and the constitution is so framed that no mistake can occur in the election of members. This, I consider, is at least the ideal to be aimed for.

Social fraternity men consider it an honor to belong to a professional fraternity and envy others that have been elected to such an organization. A member of both a social and a professional fra-

ternity must be very careful of his actions. His duties towards his social fraternity are many and exacting; he also has duties toward his professional fraternity which should be fulfilled to the smallest detail. These will not conflict, but it will take some care to weigh them equally well. It has been known to happen that when a "frat." brother is up for election to a professional fraternity a member will think so much of the honor that will come to his social organization that he will block the election of other men until his man has gone through. This is one instance where his duties to both societies have been forgotten. From similar instances the conclusion is drawn that a member of two fraternities is apt to forget his obligations to one or the other. In conclusion, let it be recognized that the professional fraternity is coming to be regarded more and more every year as one of their forces for the betterment of college spirit. They are an agency for the betterment of the college that could not be replaced, and are generally so considered by students and faculty.

FRED A. WIRT,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ ,  $\Sigma T$ .

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## A SIGMA PHI EPSILON TOAST

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I do not drink to starlit dreams  
That gleam and glow and fade in mists  
With Phosphor in the morn, nor do  
I drink to love that Cupid plights  
At hymen's shrine. But I would pledge  
A cup to fairer bonds; to bonds  
Unseen, unless in mental vision;  
To bonds unfelt, unless in rapt  
Communion; to mystic bonds  
That nourish love, unselfish and  
Divine. Here's with a cup to this  
Eternal brother—love that springs  
And blossoms in the sunlit morning

Of our manhood, and growing then  
 Into the fuller flower, becomes  
 Immortal, in the motto of  
 Our bonds. Sigma Phi Epsilon,  
 Loved and cherished, bless us as  
 We drink to thee.

—WILLIAM STAPLETON LONG,  
*Virginia Zeta, 1912.*

## EDITORIALS.

With this issue the management of the JOURNAL changes for the first time. Our efforts for the past nine years to make this publication meet the requirements of the fraternity and

FROM THE place us in the proper sphere in the Greek letter world, while possibly not as successful as some have desired, have been our best, and our actions at all times have been prompted only by our love for the fraternity and a desire for its advancement. For the quality of the work, the principles advanced and the policy pursued, we have no apologies to make.

It is hoped that the new editor will find some dormant talent that was unknown to us, and in it a willingness to help in this great work, and that, inspired by true love of fraternity, will develop for us a JOURNAL to which all may point with pride.

Before finally laying aside our pen we wish to give expression of our appreciation for the support accorded by those loyal ones who assisted in the actual work of publication, as well as those who were subscribers and contributors.

W. L. PHILLIPS.

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With this issue the fraternity at large will become acquainted with



the fact that at the Detroit Conclave a change was made in the management of the JOURNAL. Brother W. L. Phillips, who for nine years very creditably edited our quarterly, has severed active connection with the management of the publication, and will devote his entire time to the office of Grand Secretary. This change became imperative, the work of secretary growing so large that he could not devote the necessary time and energy to the JOURNAL without taking time which the fraternity feels necessary for him to give to the work of National Secretary. The newly-elected editor and business manager was formerly with the staff in the capacity of Alumni Editor, and we esteem very highly the action of the Conclave in electing us to the new position, and wish to assure the entire fraternity that we, as a staff, will do everything within our power to give Sigma Phi Epsilon a first-class quarterly.

Improvement will be one of our mottoes, and we shall endeavor to give the fraternity a good live publication. While we are making this endeavor on our part, we are very desirous that all members aid us in every way possible. If you have an article worthy of publication, do not hesitate to send it in, and if you are not a subscriber do not hesitate to subscribe.

It was advocated by some at the Detroit meeting that our JOURNAL was not large enough in its scope and did not contain the material which would make it a good, interesting publication of general interest to the entire fraternity, active and alumni. It is our plan to reach the extent of our finances in issuing a better JOURNAL, but even then we cannot promise to bring into effect the radical changes offered by some at our last convention.

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A letter made public at the recent meeting of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress of sororities from the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association severely arraigns the fraternity system. The Board looks upon fraternities as barriers to organized Christian work for these reasons: (1) The line of demarkation between fraternity and non-fraternity people is sharp; (2)

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fraternity spirit runs ahead of everything; (3) there is constant strife between local chapters; (4) there is a tendency on the part of fraternities to make light of organized Christian work; (5) too much time and energy is given to social life, leading to practical ostracism of non-fraternity people; (6) dues extracted from members are often too heavy. It is implied that men's fraternities are open to the same criticism.

The National Pan-Hellenic held that the criticism was not just. Will anything further be done by them? Will anything further be done by the Greek letter world? It is up to the fraternities to prove the injustice of this criticism. We can do this by setting forth our ideals of broadening and sympathizing interests, not by word or by pen alone, but by practical and effectual application of them. Let us not permit ourselves to sully the pure ideals we have set aloft as our standard of excellence by allowing such a criticism as is here quoted to stand as just and true because of any inactivity on our part.

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Fair-mindedness and black-balling do not always go hand in hand. No man should make superficial objections in regard to any candidate, for close friendship comes only with time.

AS TO Every fraternity man in sizing up a new-comer  
BLACK-BALLING. should endeavor to like rather than dislike that  
man. In forming an opinion of an outsider one  
should not be too critical, but should yield in his favor if it is seen that such a candidate has possibilities of strength as a fraternity man. Personal likes or dislikes should not be considered so seriously as at present. Seniors should be especially slow in making a decision against a man, and should agree to his admission if the rest of the brothers desire him and consider him a man of fraternity possibilities. All members should seek to learn to early size up the possibilities of a candidate and to be liberal enough to recognize his potentialities.

It may be argued that one man's word and vote is as good as another's. Admitted. But if in a chapter of twenty, nineteen vote "yes" on a candidate and one votes "no," can we justly say that the vote of the one is good enough to overthrow the weigh and judgment

lying behind the other nineteen votes? You may say in opposition to this, that congeniality should always exist in a chapter, and that it can only be secured by a provision for an unlimited and an unquestioned black-ball. Let us close with this question. When nineteen out of a chapter of twenty favor a candidate and only one opposes him, is it the candidate or the black-baller that lacks congeniality?

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Steps were taken at the Conclave whereby it was voted that each pledge, before being initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon, should pass a satisfactory examination, covering statistics and general

FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS. data of our own fraternity and of fraternities in general. This is a good order, and the reports

of several of the delegates at our Convention showed that such had been the custom in several of our chapters previous to this time, but now it is a national requirement. The brother who has been in a chapter where such an examination is required will know that it is of great value, as it gives a wider outlook to the fraternity world. The following very impressive quotation is made in one of our sorority exchanges: "When I meet girls from other sororities, as I have several times, who frankly admit that they never heard of my sorority, as there was no local chapter in their college, I cannot help but pray that no sorority sister of mine will lay herself open to such criticism as these girls have subjected their fraternity to in my eyes. I presume, of course, there are plenty, but we are attempting to prevent that, for every girl initiated must have heard of the other fraternities in National Pan-Hellenic Congress." We believe that if this plan is properly carried out in every chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, our members in the future will profit greatly by such action.

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With a change in management of our fraternity publication, we would suggest that a change be made in our subscription lists. Investigation shows that but 14 per cent. of our alumni  
SUBSCRIBE NOW. and members not in school are subscribers to the  
JOURNAL. This per cent. is too small and we propose to increase the number until every member will be not only a

reader, but a subscriber to our quarterly. You well know that if this can be accomplished it will place the enterprise on a better financial basis and enable us to give the fraternity at large a better publication. Oftimes fraternities will offer prizes as inducements to enlarge their lists. We are not at present in a position to conduct such a subscription campaign, but we hope each man, individually, will take it upon himself to be responsible for one or more new subscriptions. Every chapter should see that each alumnus of their chapter becomes a subscriber at once. *Boost! Boost!* By so doing you will outwardly show your true spirit for Sigma Phi Epsilon. The necessity for prompt action is obvious.

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In this number we present, through the efforts of our Contributing Editor, several good contributions. Dr. Edwin A. Schell holds two degrees, Ph. D. and D. D. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Psi, and for some years was a member of the Grand Arch Council of the latter. He is the President of Iowa Wesleyan University, a school that Sigma Phi Epsilon is soon to enter. Dr. Schell is a firm believer in and great admirer of college fraternities.

The author of the article on "Scholarship" is Miss Viola Gray. She is well known in fraternity circles, being a charter member of Alpha Omicron Pi, and has been for some years the Vice-President of that national organization, still holding that position. She is a leader in Pan-Hellenic circles, and has made a great study of the fraternity scholarship question.

Earl R. Spaulding was a charter member of our Nebraska Alpha Chapter and a delegate to the Conclave. He is now an alumnus and very kindly consented to write an article relative to the business side of the Convention, and Albert W. Dodge, a charter member and an alumnus of Massachusetts Alpha, also a delegate, has written an article on his general impressions of our last Conclave.

The article on "Professional Fraternities" is by Brother Fred A. Wirt, for the past year the president of Alpha, the governing chapter of Sigma Tau, a professional engineering fraternity. He is also chairman of its expansion committee.

All other articles are by members of the JOURNAL staff. All members of the fraternity, especially alumni, are invited to send in articles of a general fraternity character to the Contributing Editor, Dean D. McBrien, at Phillips, Nebraska.

For this issue we thank all of our contributors, and the readers of the JOURNAL are to be congratulated that they have so kindly consented to contribute these articles for our publication.

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The new management is very desirous to have each issue of the JOURNAL appear on time. We realize that if we are not prompt some criticism will be made, and could the facts be CHAPTERS, made known to the fraternity, it might easily be shown that delays are due sometimes to chapters as well as to the management. For instance, all of our chapters received notices when chapter letters would be due, and to whom they should be sent, from the Richmond office, and also a letter from the editor-in-chief. This we thought to be ample notifications, but at the close of the day on October 1st, when all material should have been in the hands of the editor, only nine chapter letters were to be found on our desk and thirty should have been there. Let us all try to be more prompt. Your delay means our delay.

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An action taken by the delegates assembled at the Detroit Conclave instructed the Executive Committee to conduct a contest for new songs, a fine fraternity badge to be offered as the prize for NEW SONGS. the best song submitted, the Executive Committee to be the judges. The contest will be open until the next conclave, and we hope in the interim to see a large number of new songs submitted. It is true that but one song can win the prize, but members who have ability along that line should see the need of new songs and feel gratified of an opportunity to be of service to the fraternity by generously responding with the best compositions they can produce.

Send a copy of your song to the Grand Secretary and one to the Editor of the JOURNAL.

It occurs to us that at the opening of a new year, and this being the first issue of our JOURNAL, it might not be out of place to briefly suggest two things to our chapters.

NEW MEN. First, let each chapter in its selection of men seek the best "all-around" men, quality and not quantity being the standard.

Second, let high standing in scholarship be the goal to which each chapter shall strive during the entire year.

These two conditions being fulfilled, we doubt not that the close of the school year will find every chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon a strong one.

## FROM GRAND SECRETARY

*To Chapter Secretaries*,—Your attention is called to the proposed changes in the Constitution and Laws and Ritual of the Fraternity, as adopted by the Grand Chapter at the Conclave in Detroit.

Typewritten copies of these changes have been sent to every chapter for temporary insertion in the chapter's books, and later printed corrections on gummed paper will be supplied.

Your attention is particularly called to pages 23 and 24 of the Constitution and Laws and page 9 of the Ritual.

All chapters that have not received copies of these changes should notify the Grand Secretary at once.

W. L. PHILLIPS,

*Grand Secty., Σ Φ Ε.*

## BACK NUMBERS OF JOURNAL

Back numbers of the Journal: If any one has copies of Vol. 9, No. 2 (Dec., 1911), issue of the JOURNAL that he does not wish to keep, kindly mail them to the Grand Secretary.

W. L. PHILLIPS,

*Grand Secty., Σ Φ Ε.*

## EXCHANGES.

(By J. R. Curl.)

In several fraternity magazines there has been published a table showing the scholastic standing of the students at the University of Virginia with reference to fraternity membership. We reproduce the table here as published in *The Shield* of  $\Theta \Delta \chi$ :

To students of statistics and those who were interested in the article by Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, of the University of Illinois, which has been recently printed in quite a number of fraternity magazines, the following figures covering the scholastic year 1910-1911 at the University of Virginia are reprinted from the 1912 Annual *Corks and Curls*. The percentages given are official, having been secured from the records in the office of the registrar:

Average standing of the whole university.....	74.8
Average standing of all non-fraternity men.....	76.2
Average standing of all fraternity men.....	73.5

Scholastic standing of	$\Sigma \chi$ .....	81
“ “ “	$\Phi \kappa \Psi'$ .....	79.8
“ “ “	$\kappa \Sigma$ .....	78.9
“ “ “	$\alpha \chi \rho$ .....	78.2
“ “ “	$\Theta \Delta \chi$ .....	78
“ “ “	$\Delta \chi$ .....	77.3
“ “ “	$\Sigma \Phi E$ .....	77
“ “ “	$\Phi \Sigma \kappa$ .....	76.9
“ “ “	$\Delta \Psi'$ .....	76.8
“ “ “	$\Delta \Phi$ .....	76.8
“ “ “	$\kappa \alpha$ .....	76.5
“ “ “	$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .....	75.3
“ “ “	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .....	75.1
“ “ “	$\alpha \tau \Omega$ .....	74.5
“ “ “	$\Phi \kappa \Sigma$ .....	74.1
“ “ “	$\Sigma \chi$ .....	72.5

"	"	"	$\Delta K E$ .....	71.4
"	"	"	$\Sigma A E$ .....	70.5
"	"	"	$\Delta T \Delta$ .....	68.4
"	"	"	$\Pi K A$ .....	68.3
"	"	"	$B \Theta \Pi$ .....	64.4
"	"	"	$X \Phi$ .....	61
"	"	"	$Z \Psi$ .....	56.7

Average standing of all non-athletes.....74.5

Average standing of all athletes.....74.8

Scholastic standing of foot-ball team.....68.6

" " " base-ball team .....74.6

" " " basket-ball team .....72.2

" " " track team .....76.5

" " " relay team .....77.4

#### SCHOLASTIC STANDING OF FRATERNITY AND NON-FRATERNITY MEN BY DEPARTMENTS

	Non-Fraternity		Fraternity	
	No. of Men	Grade	No. of Men	Grade
Graduate Department.....	19	74.5	7	79.5
Engineering Department .....	50	72.7	32	72.6
College Department .....	171	68.5	150	67.6
Law Department .....	67	84.5	121	78.8
Medical Department .....	36	82.9	38	82.9

From *The Record* of  $\Sigma A E$  we take the figures presented in the article of Dan Thomas Arkle Clark, referred to in the previous exchange:

So many statements have been current in recent years concerning the relative scholastic standing of fraternity men and "barbs," of athletes and "fussers," that I have thought it worth while regarding the students of the University of Illinois to make a definite investigation. The facts presented here are based upon a weighed average of the semester grades of each undergraduate student in the university covering a period of two years—1909-1910, and 1910-1911.

The scholastic averages are given below:



## AVERAGES

	1909-10			1910-11		
	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year
General average of men . . .	81.11	81.31	81.21	80.92	82.64	81.78
General average of women .	86.04	85.02	85.53	83.14	85.06	84.09
Fraternity men . . . . .	78.92	79.68	79.30	78.68	79.63	79.40
Non-fraternity men . . . . .	81.73	81.80	81.77	81.50	83.04	82.27
Sorority women . . . . .	83.21	83.80	83.50	83.85	84.72	84.29
Non-sorority women . . . . .	87.12	85.17	86.15	83.09	85.98	84.53
Grand av'ge of men & women	82.16	82.06	82.11	81.35	83.11	82.23

If it were possible, as it is not, in this brief article to go into detail in the examination of the grades of individual fraternities, and fraternity men, a number of facts would be revealed. The following table will suggest, however, how wide a range of difference there is in the scholastic averages of the various organizations:

## GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES

	1909-10			1910-11		
	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year
Highest average . .	82.06	82.78	82.27	83.50	81.98	82.11
Lowest average . . .	72.77	73.74	73.26	74.66	76.68	76.09

## LOCAL CLUBS (MEN)

	1909-10			1910-11		
	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year
Highest average . . .	87.33	85.73	86.36	84.64	84.31	84.40
Lowest average . . .	76.90	76.95	77.53	78.91	76.04	77.47

## SORORITIES

	1909-10			1910-11		
	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Year
Highest average . . .	85.70	85.24	85.45	85.36	86.41	85.88
Lowest average . . .	81.10	80.66	81.56	79.13	79.99	79.56

The lowest average made by any fraternity man in 1910-11 was 47.67; the lowest average made in college was 25.00. The highest average made in the same year by any fraternity man was 95.94, and the highest average in college was 97.89.

Brown University, through the women's dean, Miss King, has ordered that there be no more initiation in women's fraternity. There are five locals and chapters of  $\mathbf{K A \Theta}$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma K}$ . No criticism is made of the life of these chapters and the decree is considered by the nationals involved, and by other interested nationals, as a breach of faith, and as a great injustice.—*The Lyre of A X  $\Omega$* .

#### FRATERNITY BADGES

The pins of the fraternities are an interesting study. The official badge of Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta bear the Masonic eye as an emblem. Some ten or twelve pins have one or more stars. The significance of the star varies with the number of stars, their position, etc. The diamond shaped pin and the cross shaped pin are most common. Several fraternities have monogram pins. The shield is also seen. Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Delta Phi (f), and Kappa Sigma have the crescent.

The average number of founders of a fraternity is six. Kappa Sigma was founded by 2 men, while Delta Kappa Epsilon had 15. It seems that the number of founders is immaterial, the work done afterwards being all that counts.

#### COLORS

It is interesting to note the popularity of blue as a frat color. (The following percentages were made from 37 societies). 17 out of these 37 have blue as one of the colors. The actual per cents are as follows:

blue, 26 per cent.	red, 16 per cent.	black, 5 per cent.
white, 18 per cent.	purple, 7 per cent.	
gold, 16 per cent.	brown, 5 per cent.	

and the rest is taken up in silver, pink, and gray.

Out of 22 societies the rose seems to be the most popular. Second is the carnation, and third, the lily-of-the-valley.—*Adelphean of A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$* .

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$\mathbf{K \Sigma}$  has offered a silver cup "as an incentive to improvement in scholarship to that chapter in each district which shall lead in

scholastic standing." The fraternity has been redistricted and seventeen cups are to be given. As a stimulus to scholarship A T  $\Omega$  issues a certificate of honor to its members for election to the honorary fraternities, for excellence in debate, for excellence in oratory and for a *magna cum laude* degree. The Colorado alumni association of A T  $\Omega$  has established a fund by means of which a set of books will be awarded to any member of the Boulder chapter who is elected to  $\Phi$  B K or  $\Sigma$   $\Xi$ . The alumni of the fraternities in Westminster have offered a cup to the chapter standing highest in scholarship, the cup to be awarded each year. The Chicago alumni of  $\Delta$  Y have inaugurated a custom of presenting keys to the leaders in scholarship in both the Northwestern and Chicago chapters. The keys are reproductions of the keys worn by the founders of the fraternity.—*The Scroll of  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$* .

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In the twenty-six institutions in which  $\Theta$   $\Delta$  X has charges it meets  $\Delta$  Y more frequently than any other fraternity, meeting her in twenty of the twenty-six institutions, the exceptions being Hobart, College of the City of New York, George Washington, William and Mary, the University of Virginia and Dartmouth.—*The Shield of  $\Theta$   $\Delta$  X*.

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A magnificent gift to his fraternity has been made by the Nestor of Fraternity literature, William Raimond Baird, of New York City, whereby the Beta Theta Pi Chapter at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., will receive \$20,000 for a chapter house to be erected in memory of Mr. Baird's son who was a graduate of Wesleyan and a member of the fraternity there. Magnificent as the gift may be it is not one whit more so than the life of the man who gives it.—*The Delta of  $\Sigma$  N*.

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The following, which appeared in *The Caduceus of K  $\Sigma$* , is indeed entitled to the attention of every person who ridicules the training of our colleges, and a more complete description of the advantages of a college education could not be put in such comprehensive form:

## THE OFFER OF THE COLLEGE.

To be at home in all lands and all ages; to count nature a familiar acquaintance, and art an intimate friend; to gain a standard for the appreciation of other men's work and the criticism of your own; to carry the keys of the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake; to make hosts of friends among the men of your own age who are to be leaders in all walks of life; to lose yourself in generous enthusiasms and co-operate with others for common ends; to learn manners from students who are gentlemen, and form character under professors who are Christians—this is the offer of the college for four of the best years of your life.—*William DeWitt Hyde, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.*

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We here reproduce a little clipping from the address of Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, which the editor of *The Record* of  $\Sigma A E$  found in the chapter correspondence in *The Lyre* of  $A X \Omega$ , and which appeared with clippings from the addresses of two other college presidents in the former publication:

"The fraternities and sororities intensify student life.. \* \* \* The whole distinction between Greek and barbarian should for the most part be wiped out of the student's consciousness. Let these organizations remain and increase in number, but let them stand for scholarship and for the expression of a wholesome life, not for monopolizing of that student society. Any unwritten law that fraternity and sorority young people should band together, while the "barbs" should associate only with each other, is grotesque in a democratic institution and cannot exist very many years among a student body with as wholesome ideals of life as most of our young people possess. I would paraphrase the scriptures to say, "Neither fraternity nor non-fraternity life availeth anything, but a clean, wholesome, right-minded student body."

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## COLLEGIAN PRESIDENTS.

The nomination of Woodrow Wilson, a graduate of Princeton, of President Taft, who is a graduate of Yale, and of Theodore Roose-

velt, who was a graduated from Harvard, calls attention to the prominence of college-bred men in political life. Of the twenty-six men who have filled the presidential chair, seventeen have been college graduates. Harvard and William and Mary lead the list, each having contributed three Presidents from among her sons. John Adams, John Quincy Adams and Theodore Roosevelt all were graduated from the famous New England institution, and Jefferson, Monroe and Tyler owned the Virginia College as their alma mater. Yale and Princeton have each had but one graduate who became President—Taft, of Yale, and James Madison, of Princeton.

The following colleges have each given one alumnus to the presidency:

Hampden-Sidney College (Virginia), William Henry Harrison; University of North Carolina, Polk; Bowdoin, Pierce; Dickinson College, Buchanan; West Point Military Academy, Grant; Kenyon College (Ohio), Hayes; Williams College, Garfield; Union College, Arthur; Miami University, Benjamin Harrison.

Of the 500 principal institutions of higher education in the United States thirteen have graduated men who became Presidents.

The Presidents who never attended college were Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland and McKinley.—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

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#### FRATERNITY.

If I could write one little word  
 Upon the hearts of men,  
 I'd dip into the fount of love  
 And write with golden pen  
 One little word and only one,  
 And feel life's work on earth well done;  
 For every heart would speak to me  
 That one sweet word "Fraternity."—Anon.

*Record of S. A. E.*

## A SIGMA PHI EPSILON GRACE.

(To be said by all in concert before being seated for dinner at the fraternity table.)

"Father, we thank thee for the food with which thou hast presented us for the strengthening of our bodies. We thank thee for the spirit of brotherly love that pervades our circle. Bless our family and grant that this meal may be a sacrament of love to all gathered here at this our table."—*Illinois Alpha Alumnus*.

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## MY OLD FRAT PIN.

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I'm a plain old business plodder who don't give a rap for frills,  
And I'm worried less by fashion than I am by stocks and bills.  
Though my wife insists that in me nature planned a perfect man  
I'm afraid I'm not building in accordance with that plan.  
I have never owned a watch, or worn a chain, or fob or ring  
And in fact I'm out of sympathy with all that sort of thing.  
I indulge no taste for baubles, yet what thoughts come thronging in  
When I see some college youngster "flash" my old "Frat Pin!"

At the sight of that old emblem I forget that I am gray  
And my pulse beats just as strongly as upon that far-off day  
When a band of student brothers taught me mystic grip and sign,  
And I rode their goat in triumph, and that shining badge was mine.  
Father Time has not been idle, and those "boys" of long ago  
Now are scattered far and widely and their heads are crowned with  
snow,  
But their hearts, I know, beat warmly, for they keep alive within  
All the principles embodied in that old "Frat" pin.

How my thoughts go flying backwards to youths iridescent day,  
When the world all lay before me and hope beckoned on the way!  
Now another generation claims the center of the stage,  
While I'm ready to write "Finis" at the bottom of my page.

I'll confess a strange emotion sets my very soul aglow

As I greet again by proxy those old boys of long ago.

How it starts my nerves a-tingling! How it warms my heart within

When I couple past and present with that old "Frat" pin.

(Author unknown).

## COLLEGIATE.

Dean Alexander Meiklejohn, of Brown University, has accepted the position of president of Amherst College, to assume his new duties September 1st. The motto which he gave to the Brown students in his farewell address is well expressive of one of the rarest men in the academic world; it was "play fair \* \* \* and think." Dean Meiklejohn is a graduate of Brown and has been dean for eleven years—his field of teaching is philosophy. He is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, and is actively interested in the fraternity problems of the modern college.—*The Caduceus of K Σ*.

Plans are well under way for the appropriate celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Brown University. The college was established in 1764, and October, 1914, has been chosen for the anniversary exercises. Every important institution in America and Europe will be invited to send delegates. The spectacular side of the celebration is to include a pageant in which the university will seek to represent the varied history of the State of Rhode Island. The history of the university, which is being prepared by Professor Bronson, will be published before the anniversary, and the new edition of the historical catalogue will be ready for distribution.—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

The Syracuse *Daily Orange* is the first college paper to conduct a "voting contest" among its readers. The successful contestants, a man and a woman, will be sent to Poughkeepsie and Silver Bay respectively.—*The Lyre of Α Χ Ω*.

The board of curators of the University of Missouri at the June, 1912, meeting amended the rule concerning fraternity initiates to read as follows: "No student having less than 24 hours credit toward graduation shall be permitted to become a member of any fraternity or sorority, or live in any fraternity or sorority house, except that the committee on student activities may at its discretion waive this rule in the case of any student who has made 15 hours credit in his or her first semester in the university." At the same time the board of curators passed these resolutions: 1. That as regards the question of admitting new students under the 15 hour regulation, the committee on student activities shall especially favor the fraternities having a creditable standing for scholarship. 2. That the fraternities should be made to understand that next year or not later than two years hence, the right of any fraternity to initiate members will probably be made to depend upon its scholastic record."—*The Caduceus of K Σ*.

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The engineering students of the University of Pittsburgh will have their year divided into four terms. Three of these will be spent at the university and the fourth in practical work in industrial establishments in Pittsburgh and vicinity, co-operating with the university. This plan is already in successful operation at the University of Cincinnati. At the recent commencement exercises and presentation of new buildings at the University of Cincinnati President Dabney delivered his annual statement, in which he said:

"The distinguishing features of this occasion are the celebration of the opening of the engineering building, gymnasium, and Carson field, and the graduation of the first classes from the co-operative engineering course. No new undertaking in education has received more universal approval than this course, planned and worked out by our own college with the co-operation of the manufacturers of Cincinnati. Its complete success, proved here by the presence of these first graduates, is a matter of the greatest satisfaction."—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

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According to recent statistics the increase in the cost of living has not effected the cost of an education at Yale. The total cost of four years in 1893 was \$4,372; and 1912 is was \$4,472.—*The Lyre of Α Χ Ω*.



The Scroll of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  summarizes the building activities at the various colleges as follows:

The Harper Memorial Library at Chicago was dedicated with imposing ceremonies in June. New buildings will be erected at a cost of over \$1,000,000—one for the departments of geology and geography, to cost \$300,000; one for the classical departments, to cost \$225,000, a \$300,000 gymnasium for women, and a \$200,000 cement grandstand and wall on Marshall Field. The grandstand will be completed this fall and the other structures within two years. Cornell has a new athletic field, containing 60 acres, and graded at a cost of \$80,000. It is to have a stadium that will seat 7,000 people. The first section, seating 2,600, has been completed. Rapid progress is being made in restoring the \$3,000,000 church on the Stanford campus which was so seriously injured by earthquake six years ago. Amherst has a new dormitory. Washburn has a new \$75,000 gymnasium. Oklahoma has a new \$300,000 administration building. Syracuse is spending \$75,000 on the erection of a dispensary. An auditorium and a new dormitory are being built at Williams. A \$100,000 library building is being erected at Purdue. A new dormitory and a new medical building are being erected at North Carolina. A \$100,000 building for the law college is being erected at Nebraska.

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## HELLENIC

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$\Theta \Delta X$  has withdrawn from Boston University and has entered Colgate.

$Z T \Lambda$  has entered Baker University (Kansas). Other sororities in this institution are  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ ,  $A X \Omega$ , and  $\Delta Z$ .

$A \Delta \Phi$  has entered the University of Kansas. There are now five national sororities at this institution.

$A \Xi \Delta$  has entered the Universities of Iowa and Nebraska.

$\Delta \Delta \Delta$  has entered James Millikin University (Illinois).

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$K \Sigma$  has absorbed the Sasnac Club at the University of Kansas. This makes Kappa Sigma's 79th active chapter.

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$A \Sigma \Phi$  is the newest at the University of Washington. This fraternity was founded in 1845 at Yale and has 10 chapters.

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$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has installed at the University of Colorado. They are met with seven other national fraternities.

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$K \Delta$  announces the establishment of a chapter at Trinity College, Durham, N. C.  $\Sigma N$  has also entered Trinity College where  $K A$ ,  $\Pi K A$ ,  $\Lambda T \Omega$ , and  $\Sigma \Phi E$  are found.

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$\Sigma X$  has entered Oklahoma University where  $K A$ ,  $K E$ ,  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $\Sigma N$  are located.

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$\Pi K A$  has stepped across the Mason and Dixon line twice. She has entered the University of Utah and New York University.

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$B \Theta \Pi$  is the first fraternity to own a house at Western Reserve University. The purchase was recently made.

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$X \Omega$  has entered Syracuse University.

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Cornell has a new athletic field rated at a cost of \$80,000 and containing nearly sixty acres. The University is also to have a stadium at a similar cost.

$\Phi K \Psi$  publishes a secret magazine called "The Mystic Friend."

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A charter for a chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$  was granted to a local at Pennsylvania State College. This makes the thirteenth fraternity in the college and there are said to be four locals there petitioning fraternities for charters.  $\Phi K \Psi$  now has ten chapters in the State of Pennsylvania, more than any other fraternity has in any state.

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The  $\Pi K \Phi$  fraternity entered Emory College, Oxford, Ga., in June. This fraternity, which was founded at Charleston College in 1904 now has eight chapters located in the following institutions: Charleston College, University of California, Davidson College, Emory College, Woffard College, Furman University, University of South Carolina, and Presbyterian College of South Carolina. The last four chapters

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$\Sigma A E$  has sub-rosa chapters at Woffard College and at the University of South Carolina.  $K A$  also has a chapter at the latter institution. named are sub-rosa.

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### Conclave Characters.

(Contributed)

Mustach (Alfaifa) . . . . .	A. W. Dodge, Massachusetts Alpha.
Tallest Man . . . . .	Fuller, North Carolina Gamma.
Thinnest Man . . . . .	Griffin, New York Alpha.
The Convention Machine . . . . .	L. C. Smith Typewriter.
Meanest Disposition . . . . .	Wingett, Delaware Alpha.
Greatest Swearer . . . . .	Cooney, Ohio Alpha.
"Mellons Food Baby" . . . . .	Harris, Virginia Eta.
Greatest Talker . . . . .	O'Connor, New Hampshire Alpha.
Quietest Man . . . . .	Mason, Virginia Delta.
Steam Roller . . . . .	Baumeister, Washington Alpha.
"Suffragette" . . . . .	Mrs. Maddox, California.

## Chapter Letters.

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### VIRGINIA ALPHA.

#### RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Meets Every Monday, 7:30 p.m. in Room on Campus

Things look very bright for Virginia Alpha Chapter this year, as college opened Thursday, September 19th, with an enrollment of 400 or more students, the largest number we have ever had matriculate here.

It is with a feeling of pleasure and gladness that we turn once more, after an intermission of such a long time, to send another letter to the JOURNAL. Through this issue of the JOURNAL, Virginia Alpha wishes to extend greetings to all sister chapters and to wish all of them a most successful year, most especially the new chapters.

After a vacation of three months we return to college with renewed energy and strength, more determined than ever to buckle down to work, willing and glad for the chance to "scrap" for dear old  $\Sigma \Phi E$  with all our might.

We regret to say that out of our "star" chapter of last year, composed of eighteen strong men, we are only returning eight. We lost six of our last year's chapter by graduation, while four others failed to return. The loss of so many good men is a keen blow to us. Among the old men back are the following: Brothers F. G. Louthan, D. G. Tyler, Johnson, Throckmorton, Woodward, Goldsmith, Colonna, and Lewis. With these men as a nucleus, Virginia Alpha bids fair to build up a chapter which will far surpass any we have yet had. On account of the new rules invoked this year among the fraternities here we are not allowed to pledge men until November 15th. However, we have our eyes open, and if hard work is deserving of success, we will sure get our share of the new material.

We are just getting busy on our studies, and through our conscientious endeavor we hope to make this a banner year in class work as well as along other lines. Virginia Alpha has in this department

always stood among the first, and we feel sure she is going to uphold her former good record this year.

Brother W. H. Davis, who graduated last year with the highest honors of college, taking the Greek medal, as well as making the highest average mark in all his classes, far surpassing his nearest rival. We are glad to say he is meeting with just as much success in the game of life. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations in that he has won one of the belles of North Carolina. May his pathway through life be adorned with roses and his troubles be "little ones."

At the present writing foot-ball holds the center of the stage here. Each afternoon the campus is crowded with students watching the practice. Prospects for a winning eleven are good, as new material is very promising, and the old men are showing great improvement.  $\Sigma \Phi E$  has three men out for the team. Brother Tyler is still playing his brilliant game at center. He was last year chosen captain and center of the all-star eastern intercollegiate team. Brother Johnson, a tackle on the team of 1910, is again trying for his old position, and Brother Goldsmith is making a fight for one of the end positions.

In the social side of college life  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is also upholding her past record as a leader. In the German Club we have five men. Brother Louthan is president.

In closing Virginia Alpha extends a most cordial invitation to any brother to call on us. Our doors are always open to our brothers, and we will consider it a pleasure to show any brothers a big time who may come our way.

With best wishes for the success of our new editor, we are,

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*J. W. C. Johnson,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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### WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

#### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Meets Every Tuesday, 7:30 p m., at the Chapter House, 509 Front Street.

West Virginia Beta sends greetings to all sister chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . We are now starting in on what we desire to term a banner year. Although we have lost several of our brothers through graduation, yet

we feel that with the remaining old men we are going to lead things at West Virginia University.

During the rushing season West Virginia Beta has received a bounteous share of the new arriving freshmen. Our pledges, as has always been our rule, are the very best that West Virginia University has committed to her charge.

West Virginia University starts her foot-ball schedule October 5th with West Virginia Wesleyan at Morgantown. West Virginia Beta has as representatives on the squad Brothers Smith, Robinson, Heiskell, and Kaltenbach. Brothers Smith and Heiskell played with the reserves against Mt. Union College September 28th.

At the termination of our last scholastic year, we were as the boys term it, in a "muddle." At that time we moved our chapter goods to our new location and every brother enjoyed moving day. At the present time we are very nicely located at our new home, and every brother is doing his best. We have also started a table in the house, a thing which we have long strived to do.

Vacation is now a thing of the past, and lessons occupy our time and action. At the termination of last year's exams, every brother went sailing through with flying colors. We have resolved to duplicate our trip this year and add a plus sign to the past grades.

We are represented in the cadet corps by Captain Robinson and an infinite number of staff and non-commissioned officers. Brother Keller is our assistant manager of foot-ball, while Brother Kaltenbach is a member of the Athletic Board of Control.

We are very proud of having with us Brother Grow, who graduated last year in M. E. and who is now an instructor in mechanical drawing in the University. He makes a very good "daddy" for the bunch. Brother Taylor was with us a few days last week. Brother Hill, while roaming around Middlebourne, West Virginia, was pierced by one of cupid's arrows. Brother Moon, the instructor in physics at the University, also came in contact with an arrow during the vacation time. Our best wishes go with these brothers.

In closing, West Virginia Beta extends to all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  wishes for a successful as well as an enjoyable school year.

Fraternally.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

*E. G. Kaltenbach,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

**ILLINOIS ALPHA.****COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

Meets Every Other Monday, 8.00 p. m., in Chapter House, 725 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

The decks are cleared and all have reported for another year's struggle to master the subject of medicine and surgery, and we hope that Sigma Phi Epsilon may go through the year with flying colors and the highest honors.

The boys all report a very enjoyable summer and some of them a very profitable one. Brother V. V. Kellner, our representative at the Conclave held at Detroit, reports a very enjoyable time at the Conclave and also a very profitable one as he says the meetings were of the greatest interests, while meeting the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon was also a great pleasure.

As our school has just started, news is a scarce article and we can only report on the Sigma Phi's at the hospital who are doing very well and are profiting by the great experience obtained there. Paul V. Joyce at the Aluiaris Brother Hospital; L. R. Moore at the county Hospital at Los Angeles; Ross O. Taylor at the Soldiers' Home at Minneapolis, Minn.; Alvin Thompson at the Passavant, Chicago; and Hobart Ruddick, who expects to enter the same in the near future.

As to new members worthy to come into the fold as Sigma Phis, we have just begun to look over the available material and expect our usual quota of good students, as the material seems to be very good, and also a very large number.

Our Dr. Clarence McMullin who made the fourth place at Cook County Hospital, one of the high honors at our school, reports a very great experience and a field for knowledge not equaled by any other place in that line of work.

Hoping our sister chapters are all enjoying their quota of new members we beg to remain,

Faternally,

*R. H. Juers,*

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

**COLORADO ALPHA.****UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.**

Meets Every Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Chapter House.

Once again Colorado Alpha sends greetings to her sister chapters through the pages of the JOURNAL. Never was the outlook brighter for a prosperous year in all branches of the fraternity and college activities. Most of our old men returned this fall and all are diligently pursuing knowledge in the good old-fashioned style that is bound to win.

The fraternity, always foremost in athletics, will be well represented on the gridiron this fall. Captain "Dutch" Hartman returned in splendid shape, and will unquestionably uphold the standard of efficiency set by Brother John MacFadden, of last year's aggregation. Brother MacFadden has been appointed to the position of assistant coach of foot-ball and basket-ball. Besides Brother Hartman, Colorado Alpha will undoubtedly have Brothers Leisten and Blomgren on the "Varsity." We regret that because of a sprained foot Brother "Pete" Nelson Colorado's star punter, will be out of the game this season.

Brother Allen Phelps, who during the last year attended the University of California, and who was associated there with California Alpha, has returned to Colorado to complete his course in law. He brought with him greetings and many good ideas from California Alpha.

We were well pleased with the work accomplished at the Conclave held in Detroit, as reported by our delegate, Brother Dunklee. We were also very much pleased with the five new chapters taken into the bonds of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we wish them unbounded success in their fraternal endeavors.

Colorado Alpha is proud of the fact that she can boast a Grand Officer. Brother Guy Smith is now Grand Historian of the fraternity.

In closing, the chapter extends her most sincere hopes for a bountiful and prosperous year for all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

COLORADO ALPHA.

*Norris M. Fritchman,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



**PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.**  
**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Meets Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Chapter House, 3745 Spruce St., Phila.

Pennsylvania Delta stands on the threshold of a new college year with twenty-three active members back in harness. Last year was the most successful in our history, but from present indications this coming year should raise our banner even higher.

Owing to the fact that the inter-fraternity rushing agreement not enforced last year exists now in little more than name our rushing season has opened, and we have our eyes on several worthy men. The inter-fraternity agreement, under which freshmen could not be approached until the second Monday of December, is practically a dead letter. Inability of the participants last spring to agree on certain provisions caused the resignation of nearly all the members,  $\Sigma \Phi E$  being among them. It is unfortunate since the agreement appeared to have worked very successfully last year.

Our house has been renovated and at present nine men are living in it.

Pennsylvania Delta most heartily welcomes the new chapters at Wooster and Cornell, and wishes them the greatest success. Any brother from Cornell who comes to Franklin Field this fall with their foot-ball team as rooters or players we most cordially invite to visit us.

Our members are all active in all phases of college activities. Brother Levering won his "I" for the third consecutive year as a member of the two-mile championship relay team last spring; Brothers Schwert and Sayre were the battery on the base-ball team, thereby earning the coveted letter; Brother Brinton is another lettered man, and a member of Hexagon Senior Society. He was gym team captain and inter-collegiate side-horse champion last year; Brother Schwert is secretary-treasurer of the Wharton Association; Brother Chiquoine was a "lawyer" at the annual sophomore cremation; Brother Littleton rowed on the 1915 crew at Poughkeepsie last spring; Brother Diener was the star high jumper on freshman track team; Brother "Bill" Simpson held down the second sack on the first year nine, all three brothers were awarded their numerals; Brother Charles Boyd, who was elected manager of the "gym." team for this year,

has not returned to college. He is working in Philadelphia.

Brothers C. W. Ackley and Thomas Rankin attended the Conclave and returned full of it. They report an enjoyable time. The historian recently visited D. of C. Alpha and found them at the height of "rushing season." Brothers Wright and McGrath have obtained leave of absence from the University and will sail for South America in several weeks, where they expect to "bum around," to quote them, for a year. They have our best wishes and sympathy.

Two men were initiated after the May JOURNAL had been issued, and we take this opportunity to present them to the fraternity at large:

Albert Edward McGrath, Wharton, 1914, Northfield, Mass.

Albert M. Odgers, Wharton, 1915, Philadelphia, Pa.

Both are sterling men. "Mac." is a wrestler and assistant business manager of the "Red and Blue," while "Al" is a crew man.

Dr. Frank Speck, professor of anthropology, one of our honorary members, spent the summer with an Indian tribe in Labrador, studying its language and customs.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters for a prosperous year, and a standing invitation to all brothers to drop in and see us, we are,

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*A. D. Chiquoine, Jr.,*

*Chapter Historian*

### **VIRGINIA DELTA.**

**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY**

Meets Every Friday, 11:00 p.m., at Chapter House.

At the opening of the two hundred and nineteenth session of the College of William and Mary, Virginia Delta extends greetings to all her sister chapters. She wishes them success and prosperity.

The fun and frolic of the summer is over and our brothers have returned to their labors, joining hands and hearts to overcome the difficulties of the coming struggles. Apparently the brothers have had a most enjoyable vacation; in fact, most of the spare moments are spent by relating the many and varied experiences of the summer. Brother greeting brother at the depot as we returned, was one of the pleasant events, and we more than ever appreciated the fraternity love existing between the brothers of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Owing to the fact that college has been open only about ten days, we cannot introduce any new brothers at this writing. Our prospects for a good chapter, however, are encouraging. The freshman class is the largest in the history of the institution, and from these men just entering college we expect to get most of our pledges. From the first day we have been busy meeting the new boys, showing them around the campus and making ourselves generally acquainted. By the information thus gained we hope to soon have several pledges.

It is with regret that we announce that only four of our old men are back. We consider ourselves fortunate, however, in having Brother Games with us. He is not only our senior brother, but is also in the senior class. He expects to take his bachelor of science degree in June. Brother Games is the star athlete at William and Mary, he having done us credit on both the gridiron and on the diamond. He was captain of last year's base-ball team and will represent us again in foot-ball and base-ball; Brother Cato, while not an athlete, on account of his minuteness, is the star in the class room. Brother Lupton was sick the latter part of last session, and we were in doubt about his returning. He is one of the newest in the chapter, and in spite of his heavy courses he has made himself popular with the girls. With these as the nucleus we expect to build a strong chapter.

Last finals, it was our pleasure to have with us several of our alumni. Among them were Brothers Virginius Arnold, George Arnold, Blackwell, Fentress, Pitt, Bristow, and Bowen. We are glad to announce that Brother Mason captured his sheepskin last June.

At the opening of the present session Brother Richardson was with us for a few days, assisting during the busy week. Brothers Clements and Blackwell were our guests during the opening week. It is a pleasure to have the brothers with us. We are always glad to have any who can visit us.

Brother Mason, our delegate to the Conclave, reports as having a delightful time. The regulations adopted in the interests of the fraternity meet with the approval of all the brothers here.

Again wishing the brothers of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  success, we are,

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA DELTA.

*Alvin C. Cooper,*

*Chapter Historian.*

**NORTH CAROLINA BETA.****NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND  
MECHANIC ARTS.**

Meets Every Other Sunday, 2:00 p.m., in Chapter House.

To all sister chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  greetings, and best wishes for success in this coming year.

We gave our annual dance at commencement with Kappa Sigma on May 29th and had a most enjoyable affair. From the *News and Observer*: "A most beautiful event was the annual dance at Pullen Hall, given by the North Carolina Beta and Beta Upsilon chapters of the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Sigma fraternities, complimentary to the Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, and Kappa Alpha fraternities."

The large and spacious auditorium of Pullen Hall was artistic with its many decorations, the interior being bedecked with banners representing various colleges and fraternities. A. and M. colors, red and white, were conspicuous in every part of the house.

In all there was about three hundred present, and from nine until one o'clock the bevy of beautiful young ladies and their escorts enjoyed an occasion never to be forgotten.

Beautiful favors of ivory jewel cases were distributed as souvenirs of the occasion.

The dancing was gracefully led by Brother J. B. Fearing.

North Carolina Beta opened this college year with fourteen brothers present at the first roll call. All our last year's men have returned except Brothers Lassiter and Phelps, whom we regret very much to lose.

In addition to the old men we have with us Brother T. V. Rochelle, of North Carolina Gamma, and Brother G. T. Roth, who has returned after a year's absence. To these two brothers we extend our heartiest welcome. Brothers Hales, Fearing, Hand and Latham are seniors this year, and are at the head of their classes. Brother Hales is captain of Co. A and also editor-in-chief of the *War-Gau-Rac*, our college weekly. Brother Latham is lieutenant in the same company with Brother Hales. Brother Hand is manager of the track team for this season, and under his managership we feel sure that our team will be stronger than ever before.

Our foot-ball prospects for this year are very bright, there being several old men back and quantities of good material from which to replace the vacancies.

There has been a good deal of building going on here during the summer vacation. We have gotten into our new dining hall, and it is such an improvement over the old "mess" hall.

The new Y. M. C. A. Building will be ready by the 1st of January, and we are anxiously looking forward to its completion.

The campus is being greatly improved, and we hope soon to have one of the prettiest known.

In closing we wish to say that if any brothers are passing through Raleigh, and can come out to see us, we will be delighted. You are always welcome, and we want you to come.

With best wishes for success in every place of college and fraternity life for this year and for all times, we are,

Fraternally,

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

*F. K. Kramer,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO ALPHA.

### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Monday, 10:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 517 S. Gilbert Street.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we extend our sincere greetings to our sister chapters at the beginning of this school year, and we hope the prospects for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  are as promising in our sister chapters as it is with us.

Quite a number of our old men are back, and it is with a feeling of pleasure and thankfulness that we are once more permitted to reassemble and take up the duties of our fraternity and school.

After the usual round smokers and melodies and rush parties of the last few weeks, we find ourselves with several new men pledged, which we think will ever reflect credit to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . And with such bright prospects we can see no reason why this should not be a banner year for Ohio Alpha Chapter, as the material among the new men is promising, and we expect to get our share.

Foot-ball is the all-absorbing topic here at present, and the prospects of a fine 'varsity eleven are very promising. We have several men out for the team on the line and in the back field, and are certain that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will have her usual representation.

Our brothers all report a fine vacation and come back with renewed energy and spirit,—the qualifications most necessary for the progress of our fraternity and school.

We enjoyed a short visit from our brother McHenron of Ohio Gamma a few days ago. Visiting brothers are always welcome, come often.

And in closing we wish to add that Ohio Alpha has started the year with the ambition and intention of making  $\Sigma \Phi E$  pre-eminent in our college life, and to maintain and promote the high standard which she has always held. Again wishing our sister chapters a prosperous year and to extend to them an invitation to visit us at any time possible, we remain,

Faternally,

*L. V. Shepherd,*

OHIO ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## INDIANA ALPHA.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Monday. 7:30 p.m., at the Chapter House, 102 Thorneil Street.

Again with the opening of the school year Indiana Alpha sends her heartiest greetings to her sister chapters, and hopes that this may be the most successful year that  $\Sigma \Phi E$  has ever experienced.

At the beginning of the year every brother found his way back to the chapter house one week before the opening of school, in order that everything might be in readiness for the coming rushing season.

Indiana Alpha was more than successful in obtaining her share of the incoming Freshman class, having nine pledges three days before the opening of school. We may here say that every "spike" will make a loyal brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

At the close of last semester the following officers were elected:

F. L. Cavanagh,

C. O. Bauer.

F. Shull,

F. W. Clarke,

H. B. Benner,

K. D. Coffin.

On the night of Friday, September 20, the annual "tank scrap" took place, in which the two lower classes struggled for supremacy. After a hard fought battle of about thirty minutes the Sophomores succeeded in tying the yearlings (about 450 strong) to a long chain, after which they were highly decorated with the paint brush, no respect being paid to hair, ears or eyes, or the color of the paint. They were then marched to Sturat Field, where they performed many amusing stunts for the benefit of the Sophomore and upper classmen. Out of thirteen men in the fight, we were very lucky in having only one man layed up. After everybody came home we sat down to a much needed feed.

The night following the "tank scrap" we gave a dance at the Trail pavilion in honor of the Freshmen, and everybody reported a most enjoyable time. At this time we were pleased to have with us Brothers Sheridan, Woods, and Cavan.

For a year or two a number of influential professors about the university have tried to stimulate a better scholarship standing among the fraternities. Recently the Y. M. C. A. has taken an active part in this matter and as an incentive have offered a competitive fraternity scholarship trophy, consisting of a silver plaque. The first award is to be made at the end of the first semester of this year and the name of the fraternity having the highest standing will be engraved on the plaque. The competition is to be carried on for four years, and at the end of this time the fraternity whose name appears the most number of times will receive the plaque as a reward. For this prize  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will be a strong contender.

Word has been received from our last years graduates and all are holding responsible positions. Brother Best is with the American Aluminum Company, of Pittsburg. Brother Glazebrook has accepted a position as instructor with the Galesburg Public Schools. Brother Rossbacher is connected with the Armour Packing Co., of Chicago, as chemist. Brother Watowa returned to the university to take up some post-graduate work, and is engaged in the musical profession in the city.

In closing we wish to state that our doors are always open to any brother who may be in the city. Wishing every chapter a prosperous year, we are,

Faternally,

*F. W. Clarke,*

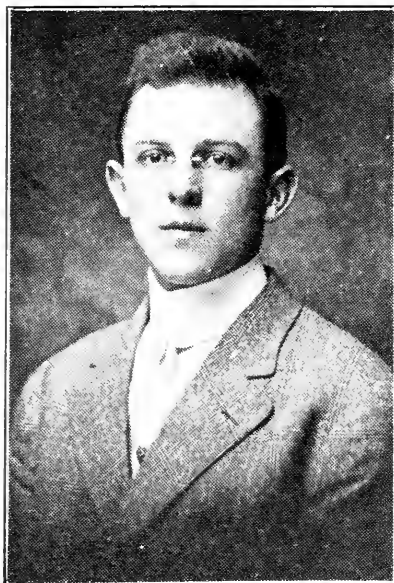
INDIANA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

**NEW YORK ALPHA.****SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**

Meets Every Friday, 7.30 p.m., in Chapter House, 303 Waverly Ave.

It is with a hearty greeting to each chapter, especially to N. Y. Beta that N. Y. Alpha opens the new college year. This promises to be a memorable year for Syracuse. Our foot-ball schedule, embracing, as it



O. G. REUMANN, New York Alpha.  
Originator of Sigma Phi Epsilon Book-Keeping System.

does, in four successive weeks, games with Yale, Carlisle, Princeton, and Michigan, promises to be of interest to all collegians. Brother Ollie Smith is playing a fine game, as usual, in the Varsity backfield. We have had one stroke of bad fortune here this year. A cyclone utterly destroyed the Varsity boat house carrying with it all shells and other paraphernalia. Brothers Francis, Weatherup, Clearwater, and Gilmore are wondering what they are going to row in next spring. An effort, however, has been started to secure the necessary funds for rebuilding the boat-house and building a new navy.



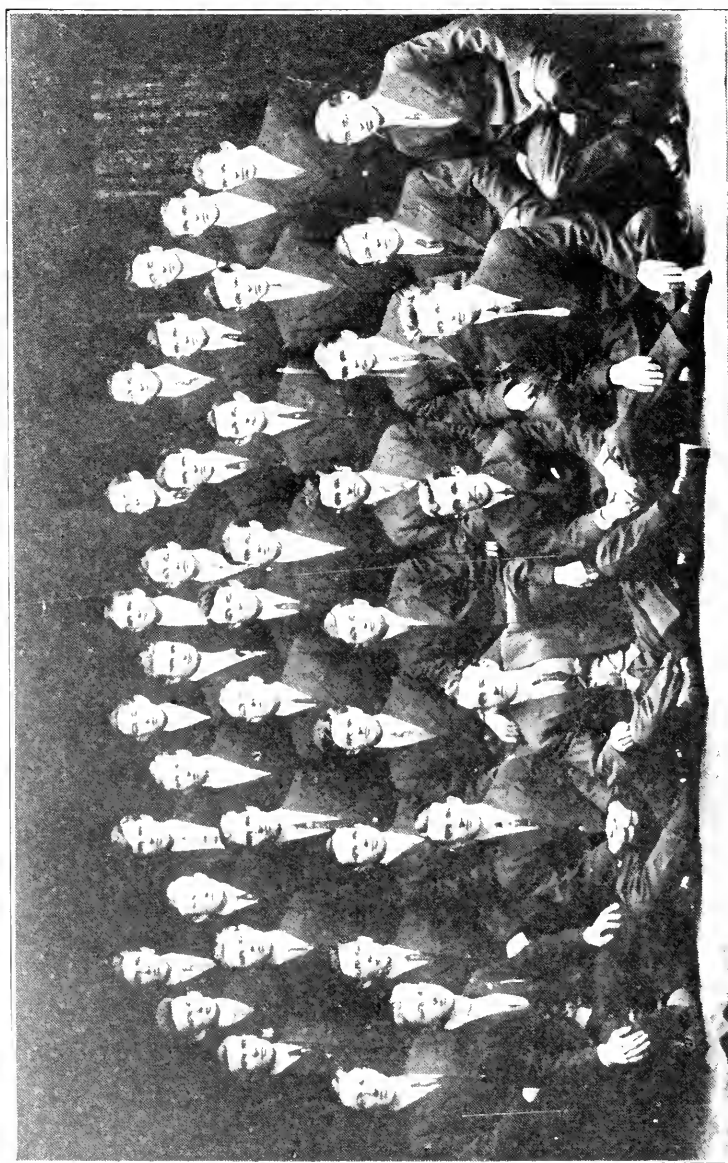
A signal honor was accorded to Syracuse by the establishment of a new record for the 440-yd. dash at the Intercollegiate<sup>s</sup> at Philadelphia, and also at the Olympic games at Stockholm by Charles D. Reidpath, captain of last year's varsity track team.

During the last few weeks of college in the spring, and in the couple



O. J. AXTMANN, New York Alpha.  
Assistant Basket Ball Manager.

of weeks since college commenced, Sigma Phi Epsilon here has gathered a considerable sheaf of honors. Brother Otto Reumann, our chapter president, has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A., and member of the Senior Council. Brother Otto Axtmann was elected assistant basket-ball manager. Brother E. C. Baldwin was elected editor-in-chief of the *Onondagan*, the annual publication of Syracuse, published by the juniors. Brother Rulison was pledged Double Seven, a junior society. Brother Wiegand was pledged Sphinx, the honorary



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fine arts society electing upper classmen each year. Brother Ollie Smith was elected a member of the Senior Council, and also he has been appointed assistant instructor in surveying. Brother Miller was last spring taken into Theta Beta Pi honorary philosophical society. Brother C. O. Moore, who captained the successful debate against Columbia, "made" Delta Sigma Rho and Phi Delta Phi. Brother Arloe Sleeth also was elected into Phi Delta Phi. Brother Moore is president of the Junior Debate Club this year. Brother C. C. Francis is secretary and treasurer. Brother Burr Prentice has been elected president of the Forrestry Club. Brother "Nick" Carter, who was graduated last June from engineering college, is stopping with us for a few days preparatory to his trip to Shanghai, where he will be stationed for some time in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. Brother Axtmann, '08, is back with us this year, taking some graduate work.

We have a splendid bunch of active pledgelings. Two are out for freshman foot-ball, one won the mile and two mile events at last spring's inter-scholastic, one is out for the reportorial staff of the *Orange*, one is out for the freshman debate team. The others will be active in their respective fields in due time.

In closing N. Y. Alpha sends best wishes for a successful year for each chapter, particularly the new ones whose first year under the banner of Sigma Phi Epsilon is just beginning.

Fraternally,

NEW YORK ALPHA.

*Glen P. Van Eseltine,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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### VIRGINIA EPSILON.

#### WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Saturday, 10:00 p.m., in Fraternity Rooms.

It is indeed with great pleasure that we avail ourselves of the first opportunity of greeting our sister chapters through the medium of our JOURNAL, and wishing them all possible success for the ensuing collegiate year. We sincerely hope that at the end of this year Sigma Phi Epsilon can feel justly proud in that she has accomplished more than in any preceeding year during her history.

Washington and Lee opened for the fall semester on the 12th of September, and from all and present indications this should be one of the best of her career.

After a "Round Up" which included all the departments of the University, we found eight loyal wearers of the Sacred Heart—Brothers Myatt, Loughran, Hunter, Burke, Pettus, Hart, Thomas, and Prutzman, a transfer from Virginia Delta. It is a great pleasure for Virginia Epsilon to welcome again among her ranks Brothers Myatt and Loughran after an absence of two years (spent in the jungles of Carolina, including Dismal Swamp, making a botanical research in behalf of the Government). They reported having met Ex-President Roosevelt while down there, and they say that, notwithstanding his being a "Bull Moose," he is a jolly good fellow.

The prospects for Virginia Epsilon are better this year than ever before, and with a nucleus of eight men to commence operations, she should have a most successful year. After a week's rushing we have pledged three of the likeliest goats imaginable, which we hope to introduce to the fraternity in February. The inter-fraternity rushing regulations which have been inaugurated here this year prevent the initiation of new men until they have completed one term's work.

Initiated, May 7th—

Mr. Leo. J. Hart, B. A., 1915, Kerens, West Virginia.

Brother Hart outside of being a good student is a very popular man, and we take great pleasure in introducing and welcoming him into the fold of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We are imbued with enthusiasm over the prospects for our fraternity this ensuing year, and heartily endorse the resolutions adopted at the recent Conclave.

We send special greetings to our new sister chapters, Ohio Delta and Cornell, and wish that they may enjoy a brilliant and successful future. Wishing every chapter, and all Alumni, the best of success, we are,

Faternally,

*Joe Prutzman,*

*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

## VIRGINIA ZETA.

## RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Meets each Saturday at 11 p. m., in Chapter Rooms

Another session has leaped the cavity of college life and sped into an eternal oblivion. Out of the gray, dim future shines the glowing light of another year and as the months roll by, it becomes dimmer and dimmer, until it, too, becomes but a mere recollection, thence is forgotten. But while a glowing light shines upon the college session, it leaps into fire in every heart of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in Zeta Chapter.

The iron-clad determination of every true  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is set upon the pinnacle of reality, the corner stone of which is truth and loyalty. The outstretched hand that welcomes us back, is one outstretched in brotherly love, in pure devotion of divine sacredness. The smile of friendship that greets you, is one that is rarely shown among the human race, and that raises  $\Sigma \Phi E$  above the common things.

So, remaining as of old upon this lofty position, we began work with ten old brothers upon the campus. We watched for "prospects" with our patience guarded, we guided our judgment. The spirit of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  never fails and as in the past we came out on top. We worked hard and landed two "goats," and already, they have the old never dying spirit of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  buried deep within their hearts, ready to promote Zeta Chapter to its highest marks.

Brothers Walker and Copley resumed their places upon the foot-ball team and have shown their ability to hold their old positions. As usual, we hold our positions in the halls, and will command the debating teams of each society.

We wish the best success to every one of our sister chapters, and that each one may be stronger than ever before.

Brother R. W. Walker attended the Conclave in Detroit, and was very much pleased to be among the brothers.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA ZETA.

*F. Wilson Gearing,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

**GEORGIA ALPHA.****GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.**

Meets Every Friday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House, 14 W. North Street.

Georgia Alpha sends greetings to all of her sister chapters. Every one in the chapter has been very busy during the past two weeks rushing the "goats," and we have been very successful, getting seven good men. These men were initiated September 27, and we wish to introduce them to the fraternity at large. They are as follows:

Ernest Oren Smith, Arch., 1916, Columbus, Ga.  
Forbes Bradly, Jr., T. E., 1916, Columbus, Ga.  
Eugene Anderson Stanley, M. E., 1916, Thomasville, Ga.  
Thomas Andrews, Jr., Arch, 1916, Columbus, Ga.  
Clarence Lewis Robertson, E. E., 1916, Visalia, Calif.  
Sidney Aldeman Foy, E. E., 1916, Eufala, Ala.  
Sidney Alexander Gale, T. E., 1916, Asheville, N. C.

All of these men are very promising and they seem to have caught the fraternity spirit.

Brother Smith, known as "Smoozy," bids fair to be one of the most popular men in his class. Brother Stanley has the "makings" of a good student if he would only leave the ladies for a while. Brother Tom Andrews will soon startle Georgia Technical with some remarkable drawings. Brother Robertson comes with some record tied to him, finishing second in the fifty and one-hundred-yard dash in the "prep" meet for the championship of California. Brother Foy is our ladies' man and promises to run us very close for all favors taken in the social swirl. Brother Gale will make the Glee Club this year. This will be unusual, as first-year men seldom make this club. Now, just a few words about the old men. Georgia Alpha returned eighteen old men, two of the graduates, Brothers Harris and Hope returning to take "post" work. Brother Ralph Tanner returned after an absence of two years to complete his course. Georgia Alpha now has the largest chapter at the beginning of school in her history, having twenty-five active men, which, by the way, is the largest chapter in school. Honors have also come our way, and we are represented in every branch of college

life. Brothers Milner and Whitner are on the *Yellow Jacket* staff, holding, respectively, exchange editor and assistant business manager. The publication is our college monthly magazine. We have several men on the two literary societies and the Glee Club. Brother "Sport" Harris is on the 'Varsity this year, playing in the back field. Brothers Merrian and Bradley are out trying for positions. Brother Ralph Tanner was elected treasurer of his class in the recent elections. Brother George Hope is president of the Anak Society, which is the senior society. Brothers Carr, Hope, W. and Hope, G. M., were elected to membership in the Cotillion Club. This club is the social club of Georgia Technology. In closing, Alpha again extends greetings and best wishes for great success during the coming year.

*Geo. M. Hope, Jr.* GEORGIA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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### DELAWARE ALPHA.

#### DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 558 Wilkins Terrace,  
Newark, Delaware.

With the opening of the college year many changes can be found in our chapter house, as well as at our college.

At Delaware Alpha we think we can make a very favorable report for the ensuing year, both in scholastic and athletic honors. Since our last letter a new \$30,000 athletic field has been constructed through the generosity of one of our college friends. Great things are looked for from this new field and  $\Sigma \Phi E$  can be found well represented on all athletic teams.

On the gridiron we are represented by Brothers Carswell, Mullen, Goff, and Hill. Aside from athletic honors,  $\Sigma \Phi E$  men can be found in the class, literary, and military activities. Brother Weaver being elected to the presidency of the sophomore class since our return to college. Brother Jolls representing us as president of the athletic association and holding a commission in the college cadet corps; Brother Smith as manager of baseball and cadet major; Brother Brown as business manager of the *College Review* and a captain in the cadet corps.

We have three new pledges whom we expect to introduce to the "goat" in a short time.

At the last meeting of the chapter our delegate made a full report of his trip to the Conclave. Our chapter feels very proud of the rapid strides that have been made by  $\Sigma \Phi E$  as shown by the report of our delegate.

*E. P. Jolls,*

*Chapter Historian.*

Faternally,

DELAWARE ALPHA.

## VIRGINIA ETA UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Meets Every Sunday, 12:45 p.m., in Fraternity Rooms.

The Conclave ended, Virginia Eta sends best wishes to her sister chapters throughout the fraternity. Our delegate has brought back most cheering reports which have filled us with a desire to do better things and to work harder during the coming year. Everything points to a successful year for us here this session. Four of our men have already returned. Two more are expected in the next few days. All have gotten together and are working hard for the fall initiation, which is to come off shortly.

We also have welcomed two transfers from Virginia Zeta at Randolph-Macon. Brothers Bosman and Gilette have come in and become very valued additions to our chapter. Gilette promises to make a position on the varsity foot-ball squad. His work has been extremely good and with even breaks he should make the team. Bosman has entered the debating field, where he should do well.

Brother Fitchett, of last year's base-ball squad, is back in college. He is taking a medical course. He is one of the fall initiates to the honorary ribbon society, Eli Banana, a coveted honor in college.

Brother Triplett, of last year's Glee Club, is also back. He sings bass on the University quartet and in the chapel choir. Law claims his attention at present. He took a B. A. degree last finals.

We regret very much the absence of Brothers Kearns, Gravatt, McCue and Rinker. McCue was taken into  $\Phi B K$  at the initiation last June, when he took his B. A. and M. A. degrees.



Brother McCoy, who was forced to leave us because of sickness last fall, has returned to work in the medical department. Brother McCoy is a member of the  $\Phi$  B  $\Pi$  Medical Fraternity.

Brother E. C. Ashby paid us a visit as he passed through Charlottesville in September. We will miss Ashby a great deal, as he was a good student and a hard worker for the fraternity.

At our first soiree we had a promising crowd of prospectives to choose our new "goats" from. Already three of these have been pledged and we expect to get two or three more in the next few days. They will be initiated on October 5th.

As a whole, prospects are very bright. The chapter has more spirit than ever before and hopes to accomplish wonders. The latch key is always on the outside for any brother that happens through Charlottesville. Please look us up.

Fraternally,

G. L. Bosman,

VIRGINIA ETA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## ARKANSAS ALPHA.

### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

Meets Every Sunday Morning in Chapter House.

Our first letter this year finds us in a very hopeful condition. Five of our old men are back to begin the first semester's work, and we are looking for two more.

There are many likely freshmen in school this year, who will probably develop into good material, thus enabling us to have a prosperous year. We have been busy for the past week in making the acquaintance of the new men, and looking after fraternity matters in general.

Our financial obligations, incident with running our Chapter House, have been heavy already and we have been compelled to make extra assessments. The alumni have rallied to the cause, and we hope to soon overcome the embarrassment.

At present we have two good men for the foot-ball team. Brother Schalchlin is playing at quarter and promises to be the fastest quarter-back that Arkansas has had for years. Also Brothers Buckley, Stout,

and Schalchlin will make the base-ball team next spring without much trouble. Thus  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will be ably represented in the athletic field.

On the evening of September 28th we gave a delightful smoker at the Chapter House to the friends of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . It was a pleasant occasion, and every one present enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

We are hoping that this will be the most prosperous year in the history of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Let us all be careful in choosing our men, so that the honor and sacred principles of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will be forever upheld.

Fraternally,

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

*S. R. Stout,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Monday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House, 821 Delaware Avenue,  
South Bethlehem, Pa.

It is with pleasure that Pennsylvania Epsilon extends her heartiest greetings to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon in this our first letter of the year.

On the 18th of September Lehigh opened with one of the largest student bodies that it has had in many years. In June we lost Brothers Bailey, Moore, and Cooper, so when college opened this fall we had only seventeen men to start with. Our rushing season is coming along slowly for our motto is "Conservatism," and it is our policy to take in men of the highest calibre. As yet we have initiated no new men, although we hope to do so before very long.

Brother McComas, who attended the Conclave in Detroit this summer, gave us an account of his trip at our last meeting. He stated that he has never met a finer bunch of fellows than he met out there, and he enjoyed every minute of the time he was away.

We ended our base-ball season gloriously on June 8th by defeating Lafayette, our ancient rivals, by the score 2-1. This was their third consecutive defeat at our hands, and we consider that these three games make up for all the games we lost at the beginning of the season.

Our foot-ball prospects are the brightest that we have had for a long

time and well they need be, for among the teams on our schedule are Carlisle, Navy, Princeton, and Lafayette. We opened our season last Wednesday by defeating Albright by a score of 33—0. Last year we tied Princeton 6—6 and this year we hope to come out with a victory to our credit.

Brother Quirk, who is manager of the gymnasium team, and Brother Fahl, who is manager of the wrestling team, are busy making out their schedules for the coming season, and although our gymnastic team is not in the best of condition it is hoped that it will be improved by the addition of six new men who have entered this year.

Wishing the sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon the greatest of success for the year, we are

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

*Alfred C. Cooper,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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### OHIO GAMMA.

#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Other Monday, 7:00 p.m., at the Chapter House, 169 W. 11th Ave.

The opening of the college year once more brings together the brothers of Ohio Gamma and with them come the prospects of another prosperous year. Several familiar faces are missing from among us, however, for we have to suffer the loss of three men by graduation, and of four others who, for various causes, were unable to return, among them being Brother Horcher, who was elected president of our chapter last spring. However, we are hoping that Brother Horcher and the rest will find it possible to be with us again next year.

The opening days have been busy ones with registration, rushing, and other activities incident to the opening of the college year, and the results of the efforts so splendidly put forth are indeed very gratifying. The rushing season is on in full force, and the competition is keen, but, nevertheless, Ohio Gamma is obtaining her share, for at the present time there are seven men of the finest type that can be found wearing the Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge button.

In the political world our reputation is being maintained by Brother

Buchhagen, who was recently honored by being chosen president of the Sophomore class. Brother Buchhagen is an ideal man for the place, and we are sure to hear more of him before he has finished his days at college.

The foot-ball season has now commenced and Ohio State has the promise of the best team in its history. Sigma Phi Epsilon is represented on the team by Brothers Raymond, Geissman and Holliday. Brother "Bugs" Raymond is the "All Ohio" guard of last year who startled every one by his sensational playing. He is back in the line again this year, and everyone heard a sigh of relief when they heard that "Bugs" was back.

Brother Geissman was a last year's "regular," and is one of the "indispensables" this year. He will certainly be heard from before the season is over.

Brother Holliday hails from Ohio Northern, and consequently was unable to play on the 'varsity last year since it was his first year of attendance at this university, but he is going to win a place on the team this season.

Ohio Gamma started her social activities with an informal dance at the Chapter House on September 27th in honor of her pledges, and a very delightful evening was spent by all.

With the best of wishes for the success of our sister chapters, we are,

Faternally,

OHIO GAMMA.

*C. Stanley Miller,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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### **VERMONT ALPHA.**

#### **NORWICH UNIVERSITY.**

Meets Every Other Sunday, 2:00 p. m., in Chapter House on Crescent Street.

It is the pleasure of Vermont Alpha to extend greetings to our new and old sister chapters of the fraternity.

Opening this year with a new house and fourteen brothers back, Vermont Alpha has the brightest kind of an outlook for the coming year.

Our seniors are Brothers Holland, Rich, and Smith. Brother Holland is major, and he certainly fills that position. Brother Rich is

cheer leader at all our foot-ball games. Brother Smith is taking life easy.

The juniors came back in full force for the year, bringing all sorts of dope on new men.

Our big game came off Oct. 2, at Hanover, N. H., with Dartmouth, the entire school attending the game. We were most royally treated by the brothers of New Hampshire Alpha, who gave us the time of our lives and a feed that made most of us think of our recent joint banquet at Bethel, Vt. Though defeated by a score of 41-9, the Dartmouth brothers spared us and made us forget our defeat by a social gathering in their newly fitted out fraternity rooms, which are certainly peaches and cream.

Last spring two cases of small-pox broke out and the entire corps was placed in a quarantine camp on the parade grounds under military discipline for three weeks. This did much to reduce the number of the freshman class, as only three of our brothers returned. Brother Hazen transferred to N. H. Alpha, Brother Robinson is attending U. V. M., and Brother Stuart is at the Boston Art School.

The pledging season is on in full force, and we have already landed eight fine new men from the freshmen class.

Brother Dunham, '14, is leader of the military band, while Brother Wilson plays the alto horn.

Brother Wilder, '08, who has spent four years in the Philippine Constabulary, was with us the first four weeks of school and helped to pass the evenings with his stories and tales of the islands in the Pacific.

In closing we wish grand success to all chapters in pledging new men to be wearers of the heart.

Faternally,

VERMONT ALPHA.

*R. E. Brierly,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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### ALABAMA ALPHA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Meets Every Friday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House.

Another summer has passed and another college year has begun. The lingering memories of a pleasant vacation are rapidly being sup-

planted by the hopes and plans for the present and for the coming months. Sigma Phi Epsilon is beginning a new year. May it be a year of success and triumph, of ideals attained, and of aspirations realized. Such is the wish of Alabama Alpha.

We began this new year under very inauspicious circumstances, only a few old men returned at first, and fraternity material among the new men was scarce. We have secured four new members, however, and these we now take pride in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Roy William Mathisson, Elec. '16, Birmingham, Ala.

Arthur Ralph Taylor, Elec. '14, Corno, Miss.

Thomas Dawson McGough, Agri., '14, Montgomery, Ala.

Julius Lamar Greene, Phar., '13, Tuskegee, Ala.

These men are worthy members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a credit both to our chapter and to the fraternity. Together with the old men who have returned they bring the chapter roll up to sixteen members. In addition we have one pledge.

As usual foot-ball is the chief topic of interest at the opening of school. Auburn's team promises to be one of the best in years, and it is going to make somebody hustle for the S. I. A. A. Championship. Our chapter is represented on the team by Brother F. A. Hart. He is playing at his regular position, half-back, and should make a valuable man.

Another interesting thing for the new men in particular, is the military organization. The A. P. I. is a military school and the officers of the cadet corps are appointed for their deportment and efficiency. Brothers Lee and Meador are first sergeants and will be captains of their respective companies next year.

Brother Nickerson, who graduated last year, is back with us and holds a position with the college as instructor in English.

Brother Sharpe, whom we had elected as our leader for this year, has not returned as yet. He had an operation for appendicitis performed last spring and various complications arose, necessitating his spending almost the entire summer in the hospital. He came by to see us the other day and before he left he had caught the "fever" and promised to return if his physician would let him enter college.

At a recent meeting of the chapter Brother J. C. Price was elected secretary to fill the place of Brother Tuthill, who did not return, and Brother Hart was elected vice-president in place of Brother Porter, who also did not return.

Although, as said, our band is small, yet we make up in enthusiasm what we lack in number. We hope to give further evidence of this in our next letter.

Fraternally,

ALABAMA ALPHA.

*M. F. Meador,*

*Chapter Historian.*

### **NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.**

#### **TRINITY COLLEGE.**

Meets Every Other Sunday, 2:00 p.m., in Chapter Rooms.

North Carolina Gamma takes great pleasure in extending her heartiest greetings to the fraternity at large in this our first letter of the year.

Our brothers have spent the summer in many ways, and all of them did not return to their work here. Some graduated, while some desiring courses which this college did not offer have changed colleges. Under this head might be mentioned Brother Rochelle, who is now at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, N. C.; Brother Lytch, who is now at the University of North Carolina taking pharmacy. Brother Ware, who is now at Emory, Va.

Tuesday night, the 24th of September, we initiated:

Edgar Eugene Shore, Arts, '15, Kernersville, N. C.

Joseph Edwin Kanipe, Arts, '15, Marion, N. C.

We take great pleasure in introducing both brothers to the fraternity at large. They are good students and were very successful in passing all of their work for the freshman year. Brother Kanipe made pitcher for the University team and has very bright prospects for making it again during the coming year.

Although we lost ten old men last year, we have eight enthusiastic members, with two excellent pledges and other good men in view. With this outlook we expect to make this a very profitable year for  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

We hope that this may be a banner year for every chapter in the fraternity.

Fraternally,

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

*F. A. Ellis,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., in Chapter Rooms, Bridgman Block.

In this our first letter of the fraternity year New Hampshire Alpha extends greetings and best wishes for a prosperous year to all her sister chapters, taking special pleasure in extending the welcoming hand to Ohio Delta and New York Beta.

Adopting a progressive policy, New Hampshire Alpha has started the year by moving into new quarters, which are more convenient and more commodious by far than were our former rooms. We are now to be found in the Bridgman Block where we have four rooms and where we shall always be glad to welcome any visiting brothers.

The return of twenty-five loyal  $\Sigma \Phi E$  men assures us of a prosperous year. In addition to these, we were mighty glad to see "Jack" Randall return to Hanover after an absence of two years and to welcome Brother Saben, of Massachusetts Alpha, and Brother Hazen, of Vermont Alpha, who have transferred to Dartmouth. New Hampshire Alpha has materially gained by the addition of these men, but we are sorry that it is at the expense of our sister chapters.

Not all of our old men returned, sad to tell, so the list of officers as elected last year and revised this fall is as follows:

Howard T. Ball,

Geo. D. Wheatley,

Frank H. Cushman,

Grover F. Fox,

Lawrence Kingman,

Walter F. Daley.

The seventeen fraternities of Dartmouth are trying out a new system of chinning rules this fall, by which no pledges can be made before September 28, and no men initiated until they have twelve semester hours credit, which means the second semester. There is already much



confusion under these rules, but we feel confident that we shall draw into our fold a good number of likely freshmen and by the second semester shall be able to introduce to all a good freshman delegation.

Brothers Raitt and Owen have just returned from Ithaca, where they attended the installation of New York Beta. Both report a very pleasant visit with one new brother and bring back glowing reports of a flourishing chapter at Cornell.

At the announcement of scholarship honors at the opening exercises the name of Brother Gumbart was among the five receiving highest honors for the past year, while farther down in the list appeared the name of Brother Fox. Brother Gumbart is now at Columbia, studying law, but will return the second semester to graduate.

In athletics, New Hampshire Alpha is, as usual, well represented. Brother Ball is this year captain of the Cross Country Team and great work is expected of him this fall. Working with him on the squad now are Brothers Durgin and Bacon, both of whom show promise of making the team.

Brother Carleton is leading the college band this year and with him is to be found Brother Brown. Brother Carleton, because of his recognized literary talent, was elected to the board of the Dartmouth Literary Magazine. Before the year is over we expect to be represented in every branch of college activities.

Wishing every man in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  success in his college work and extending to all a cordial invitation to visit us in Hanover, we remain,

Fraternally,

*Grover F. Fox,*

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Saturday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House, 1502 Vermont Avenue.

When school opened its doors September 25th we had a total of only twelve active members, not because the under-graduates failed to return, but because cupid and graduation took more than half our number.

During the summer months we were not only able to keep an open house, but for the first time in our history ran a table. We never had less than eight men, and at times had as many as fourteen. Were it not that the mid-night oil ceased to burn one would never suspect that school was not in session. Before "rushing season" began we had room for only one more brother. We consider this a good showing when one stops to consider that we have one of the largest, if not the largest, in the National Capital, and when the fall season is over we hope to have a fair sized waiting list.

On May 9, 1912 the Graduate Dance was held at the Columbia Country Club. This proved to be one of the best and most successful affairs given by this Chapter.

Nothing eventful happened during summer except an occasional call of a visiting brother. Brother Swope, a graduate of Lehigh University spent a month with us before his leaving for his home in Bethany, Pa., to get married.

On September 26, the annual fall house warming was held and about thirty brothers found it possible to attend. Two days later the first "smoker" was held and two a week have been given since. At present we have six pledges and look for as many more in the next few days.

From all appearances this will be our banner year. Trusting that the prospects are as bright for all our sister chapters, we are,

Fraternally,

*M. S. Tanner,*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

*Acting Chapter Historian.*

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### KANSAS ALPHA CHAPTER.

Meets Every Thursday, 8:30 p.m., in Chapter House, 602 Ninth Street.

On the 10th of September the brothers in Kansas Alpha returned to resume their scholastic achievements, each reporting a pleasant and profitable summer. After examining our members we found that we had an even dozen. We lost four by graduation, Brothers Frank Waring, J. E. Porter, Clyde Spangler, and Ralph Allen. We also lost one, Brother Capps, to a neighbor school, our State University.

Every brother deeply regrets the loss of Brother Capps, as he was one of our strongest men. He was not only an athlete of unusual ability (he was captain-elect of the 'Varsity foot-ball), but also leader in all student activities. We know that he will achieve success and honor in his new surroundings.

We were all glad upon returning to find our room newly papered. Another improvement which we are glad to report is the installment of a brand-new furniture outfit for our dining room. For this improvement we owe thanks to our loyal alumni, who generously furnished us the means to purchase the splendid furniture. Also we have recently purchased a new piano, a Schiller, which is a great improvement over the old one.

We were greatly interested and pleased with the fine reports brought to us from the Conclave by Brothers Capps and Price, '10. These two brothers were chucked full of enthusiasm and convince us more than ever of the high rank and influence which our fraternity has in the Greek letter world. Their reports made us all feel that Sigma Phi Epsilon is second to none, and we were prouder than ever of the dear old frat.

Locally, there are a few items of interests. We wish to introduce to the Fraternity at large, a new wearer of the heart.

Guy Walter Armstrong, Arts, '15, Hutchinson, Kansas.

"Armie" is a strong enforcement. He plays right end on the 'Varsity foot-ball team, and is making an envious record as a student. Brothers Horn, Rust, and McMillan are also on the 'Varsity squad. Brother Liston is president of the Student Council. Brothers Wise and Urner are also members of the Council. Brother Slaght (H) is a representative from the faculty. Brother Smith is managing basket-ball for the season. Brother Mueller is business manager for the *Orange*, our college paper, and is an assistant in the chemistry department under Brother Randall. Brother Urner was chosen yell leader to fill the vacancy left by Brother Allen. Brother McMillan made quite a record for himself as a motor-cyclist this summer. He raced in Indiana, and the reports from there gave him credit for being one of the pluckiest riders in the State. We are now the only bunch in school

that can boast of a married active. Brother Wise entered the bonds of wedlock this summer.

Kansas Alpha has many reasons to expect a successful year. The school seems to be on the boom, and the enrollment of new students is unusually large. We will not be allowed to pledge any freshman until next spring, but we are getting in on the ground floor and making close friendships with the fellows now. We send heartiest greetings to all our sister chapters with best wishes for a profitable year.

Faternally,

KANSAS ALPHA.

*D. E. Urner,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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### CALIFORNIA ALPHA

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Meets Every Monday, 7:15 p.m., in Chapter Room, 1711 Euclid Avenue.

Taking the opportunity of the first issue of the JOURNAL we extend our best wishes to  $\Sigma \Phi E$  and sincerely hope for it a most pleasant and profitable year for 1912-13. With six weeks of strenuous work behind us and having passed the ordeal of the first mid-term examinations we pause for a moment to look deeper into the affairs of the fraternity, and to extend the hand of welcome to all wandering brothers who may ever fall into our midst.

California opened very auspiciously this year on August 19th. The faculty is steadily raising the standards of scholarship and along with it the student body is striving to place her intercollegiate standing at the head of the calendar.

We are more interested in the affairs of the chapter and since our last communication many events have taken place. In the annual inter-collegiate track meet with Stanford, Brother Crabbe and Shattuck distinguished themselves by setting new records in their events. Brother Crabbe won the two-mile event in 9:55, a margin of 4 seconds over his last year's record. Brother Shattuck won the hammer throw at 161 feet 2 inches, a margin of nearly 3 feet over his own record of last year. In the Coast Conference meet Crabbe won his event in 9:53.1, a record, and Shattuck his event at 164 feet 4 inches. Both

were members of the Western Conference team and helped California to win her 41 point victory, Shattuck taking first in the hammer.

As late announcements we might mention the wedding of Brother B. H. Maddox to Miss Velma Hardy. Brother Maddox included the Conclave as a major (probably minor) part of his wedding tour. Also the wedding of Brother U. S. Attix to Miss Alma Michealson.

On August 1st our headquarters were changed from 2523 Hillegass avenue to 1711 Euclid avenue. The new quarters are very comfortable and roomy and are excellent for entertainment. We started the social year by a very successful informal dance on August 31st. It served as a house warmer and as an official notice of our change of address.

The rushing season started very early this year, even before registration, and naturally demanded hurried and inaccurate pledging of men. To us this was unsatisfactory, so we conserved ourselves more with older men. As a result of our efforts we introduce four worthy brothers:

Graham Merrill Foote, Jr., Mech., '14, Long Beach, Cal.

William Sydney Evans, Mech., '14, Oakland, Cal.

Edward Syms Waterman, Mech., '15, Fresno, Cal.

Ernest Alvin Attix, Mining, '16, Portland, Ore

Foote entered California this year as a junior, transferring from Michigan. Evans, also a junior, was, in his sophomore year, one of the lights of the 'Varsity swimming team and stands a very good chance for captain of the same this year. Waterman was a very prominent member of his freshman foot-ball squad, but found it necessary to drop out before the final game. At home he stands very high among amateur auto drivers. Attix is the second of that family to join us, his brother, U. S. Attix, having graduated last year from electrical engineering. The initiation ceremonies took place on September 9, following which a banquet was served in honor of the new initiates. It was well attended by alumni as well as all of the active members, and all joined heartily in making it one of the big affairs of the semester.

Notable among scholastic honors is the election of Brother F. C.

Black to Tau Beta Pi. Although out of college last year, he has deservedly attained an honor due the hard-working engineer.

In college athletics we are represented this year on the foot-ball squad by Brothers Holden, Dawson, and Lee. Holden is a veteran of the Vancouver Victoria trip and should make good in his old position of break-away. Dawson, the shifty little wing of last year's freshman team, should also make good. On the track we are again represented by two veterans of former intercollegiate contests and conference meets. Brother Crabbe, in the two mile, and Brother Shattuck, in the hammer, should both set new marks in their respective events. At the close of last semester Brother Crabbe was elected to the Winged Helmet Honor Society.

For the house as a whole the year promises to be a very successful one. A change of officers is announced from the election of last year—that of Brother Crabbe to replace Brother Switzer in the position of manager. The latter has transferred to the law department of this University in San Francisco, and has found it impossible to perform the duties of the office. The complete list of officers for this year is now: D. C. Bennett, H. W. Cochran, E. A. Brelin, E. R. Crabbe, Guy Barker, E. S. Schweninger. Twenty-two of the old members have returned, which includes Brothers Black, Newton, and Dawson, who were out on leaves of absence last year. The four initiates give a total of twenty-six members to start with, and with the spirit behind us we should carry our name well to the front.

We were glad to have with us for a short time Brother Baumeister, of the Washington State Alpha, who called on his return from the Conclave. Many other brothers made short visits to the chapter house during the summer vacation, and though glad of it, we would have been more pleased if they had called at a busier and livelier time.

In closing we again extend a hearty welcome to any brother who may happen into the bay region.

Faternally,

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*Guy Barker,*

*Chapter Historian.*

**NEBRASKA ALPHA**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.**

Meets Every Monday, 7:15 p.m., in Chapter House, 226 N. 26.

Nebraska Alpha welcomes to the ranks of Sigma Phi Epsilon the new chapters which are now joining us at Iowa Wesleyan, Michigan, Cornell, and Brown. We know that these sister chapters will prove a credit to Sigma Phi Epsilon, and hope that the high ideals and the progressive spirit for which Sigma Phi Epsilon stands may be raised even a trifle higher by our new brothers.

This new year, just beginning, although only our second, is opening with the brightest of prospects. Nearly all of our old men which we expected back are here, and the few berths left in the house will soon be filled. Last spring we lost by graduation E. R. Spaulding, who attended the Conclave this summer at Detroit; A. D. Hall, who expects to be in Nehawka after helping us through the ordeals of rush week; Brother Cotton, who is surveying in Western Nebraska, expects to be with us in a short time.

Since our last letter we have initiated the following men:  
May 13, 1912,

Harold Meredith Morrison, C. E., '14, Norfolk, Nebraska.

Stuart Kenneth Clark, C. E., '15, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Brother Morrison, who is surveying on the Santa Fe, in New Mexico, is not able to be with us this semester, but will be here at the beginning of the second. Brother Clark, in the Ivy Day meet last spring, won a first in the 880-yard run and second in the 440, in which Brother Wohlenberg won first. We are all confident that Brother Clark will win one of the coveted "N's" next spring. Brother Cotton was elected president of the Engineering Society and also to Sigma Tau, the honorary engineering fraternity, which is a high honor, and making our third to receive this honor. Brother Ruby, who a year ago won the western intercollegiate lightweight wrestling championship, being too heavy for that class last year, went into the middleweight class and won that. Brother Taylor received the commission of captain and quarter master and Brother Inhelder a commission as lieutenant; also Brother Newman as regimental sergeant trumpeter.

Since our last letter the following officers were elected:

L. E. Gregg,	E. R. Newman,
Lloyd Hardin,	G. V. Tunks,
C. C. Keirle,	W. P. Dresher,
B. J. Inhelder,	A. E. Jackson.

As perhaps is already known, Nebraska won three championships last year, and every one is looking forward to more victories in the year which is just beginning. In these contests Sigma Phi Epsilon will not be without representation, and although we are new here, we have won a place among the older fraternities.

Wishing all kinds of success to our sister chapters, and especially to the new ones, we close.

Fraternally,

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

*E. R. Newman,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

### WASHINGTON ALPHA.

#### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.

Meets every Monday, 6:45 p.m., in Chapter House, 511 Colorado St., Pullman, Washington.

Washington Alpha sends greetings to all sister chapters, trusting they have enjoyed a pleasant and prosperous vacation.

We are starting out on another college year with but eight of our old members. Pledging prospects have been bright, however, and in due time we shall introduce ten, if not more, good, substantial, progressive young men whom we feel will be a credit to the ever-increasing ranks of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Two of them hold freshmen class offices, five are out for 'varsity foot-ball with excellent chances for a regular position, and another has been appointed on the staff of the "Evergreen." But, above all, they are excellent students, as their past records show, and are good, congenial fellows.

Brothers Baumeister, Doolittle, and Wood were lost by graduation. We feel their loss as well as that of the others who failed to return, yet we can only cheer them on and wish them every success



in their future ventures. The latter two visited us shortly after the opening of college, and we are daily expecting to hear the reports from the Conclave by Brother Baumeister in person. In his letters from the East he fully expressed his great pleasure in meeting the delegates from all the chapters. "Fine men, all of them," was his verdict.

Brother Rowland has transferred to P. & S., Chicago, to study medicine.

Brother Elliot returned late from his position as manager of a large grain warehouse. Large crops detained him longer than he expected.

Brother F. N. Bryant, Ohio Alpha, resigned his position as principal of the Pullman High School to accept an instructorship in mathematics at the college.

Brother Donald English, California Alpha, who was with us for two years, has entered Harvard for a degree. He toured through the British Isles and France with relatives during the summer.

We are contemplating two social events in the near future—one a smoker to the fraternity men and an informal dance and reception to the sorority women.

Hoping each and every chapter will have a successful year, we are,

Fraternally,

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

*Irving W. Howe,*

*Chapter Historian*

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## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

### MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Meets Every Monday 7:00 p.m., in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory.

At the beginning of a new session Massachusetts Alpha extends greetings and the heartiest well-wishes to all her sister chapters. The chapter is in the midst of a strenuous rushing season, which will last until pledges are given on the second Monday before Thanksgiving. Before that time no freshman can appear wearing a pledge button on any part of his person, and consequently each man must be "held on to" for some part of two months. We have several good men already, and we feel sure that the fraternity will be proud of the results of the season.

We start off the year with nearly all of our old men back, and all the roads lead to a successful session. We lost only Brothers Dodge and Raymond by graduation. Brother Barnes has decided to stay out a year and Brother Saben, '15, has transferred to Dartmouth. We hear just as this letter is being written that Brother "Dave" Caldwell, '13, is to leave us to enter Cornell University. We are extremely sorry to



D. S. CALDWELL, Massachusetts Alpha.

lose him, but the new chapter, New York Beta, gains an excellent man.

A word about Brother Caldwell should be said here. He went to Boston last spring and was entered in the Eastern try-outs for the Olympic games. In the 440-yard run he received a second place in a close race, thereby earning himself a place on the American Olympic team. At the games he was one of the five men who came in "bunched" in the 800 meters, a race in which the world's record was broken. It was said to be the best race ever witnessed at the Olympic games. "Dave," since his return, has affiliated with the Boston A. A., and has kept up his wonderful work. Although he was captain-elect of

the track team this year at "Old Aggie," he decided to transfer to Cornell.

At a meeting in the spring the following officers were elected to serve for the session of 1912-1913: Ralph W. Howe, George A. Mallett, Herbert T. Hatch, Ernest S. Clark, Jr., Chester E. Wheeler, and Paul F. Whorf.

On May 10, 1912, we initiated two fine men into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we wish at this time to introduce to the fraternity:

Harold Merriman Rogers, '15, Pomology., Southington, Conn.

Dwight Fletcher Barnes, '15, Agric., Marshfield, Mass.

The college activity which is in the foreground just now is football. In this we have Brother Hager, '16, who has shown up well as quarterback of the "scrubs," and Brother Rodney Harris, who is trying out for the line. Brother Cooper, manager of the track team, is busy working out the cross-country team for the dual runs to be held later in the fall.

May each chapter strive to make this the best year of the existence of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and in so doing further the ideals of the fraternity.

Faternally,

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

*Chester E. Wheeler,*  
*Historian.*

## OHIO DELTA

### UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Meets Every Monday, 7.00 p.m., in Chapter House, 129 Beall Avenue.

In this our first letter to the JOURNAL we desire to express our goodwill to all sister chapters, and to the new chapters we extend a hearty welcome.

Our initial year as a chapter of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  has begun under very favorable auspices. Everything points toward a prosperous and successful year.

Although we lost three good men last year, we began the present term with nine good, enthusiastic men. During the two weeks of

school just past our fraternity life has indeed been pleasant, for we have had with us from time to time several of our alumni—Brothers Behoteguy, Swan, Overly, and Gault.

So far we have five good “pledges.” Every one of these fellows are hustling, earnest men, men of whom  $\Sigma \Phi E$  might well be proud.

In all the various activities of Wooster during the fall and winter will be found Ohio Delta among the leaders. Already Brother Lowry has shown his ability at foot-ball and Brother Collins will be the “star” guard in basket-ball. In forensic work Brothers McCann and Mason will be found leading, for there is no doubt but that they will again be Varsity debaters. Brother St. Clair will again be one of the leading men in the Glee Club. Several of our men are also interested in class politics. In fact, prospects for a good year are even better than we had anticipated, and with the enthusiasm aroused by the good reports of Brothers St. Clair and Collins, who attended the Conclave at Detroit, we hope to add to the fame of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Ohio Delta wishes all sister chapters a very successful year.

Fraternally,

OHIO DELTA.

*William L. Johnson,*  
*Historian.*

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### NEW YORK BETA.

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

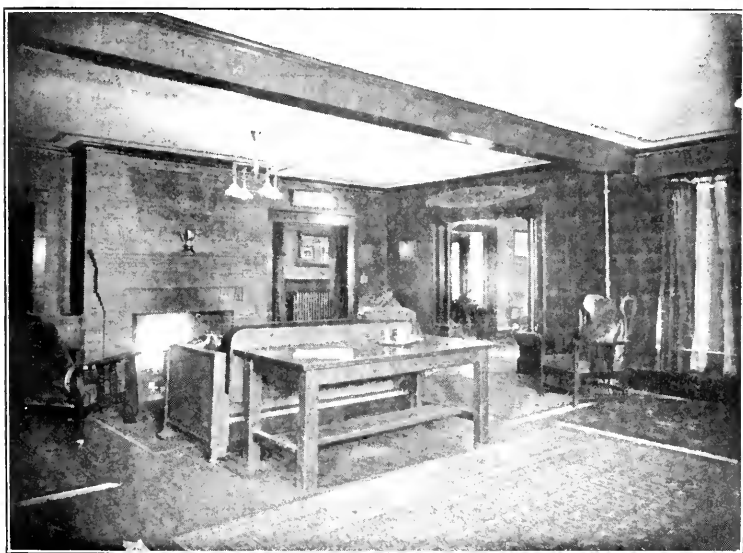
Meets Every Sunday, 6.30 p.m., at the Lodge, 112 Edgemoore Lane.

In making its debut to the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon New York Beta wishes to express her appreciation and thanks for the expressions of congratulation and good-will which have been received from the other chapters of our fraternity. It is our hope that we shall always be worthy of the good-will and respect of our brothers, and we can assure them that all our efforts will be spent in building around our chapter a reputation which shall do its share in upholding the honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On Tuesday, September 24, Brothers Griffin and Phillips, assisted by a large delegation from the New York Alpha Chapter, installed the chapter here at Cornell, and initiated the twenty men who are announced in the installation write-up of this issue.



STUDY ROOM—N. Y. BETA CHAPTER HOUSE.



PARLOR—N. Y. BETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

Almost the entire New York Alpha Chapter was in attendance at the installation, as were Brothers Robbins, Kellar, and White, who are alumni of other chapters and who have been prominent in Sigma Phi Epsilon work. We were also glad to welcome two brothers from New Hampshire Alpha. After the installation a banquet was held in the chapter house, and a feeling of fellowship and good will pervaded, which will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

On September 29th an initiation was held, and the following men were welcomed into the brotherhood:

Harry Guy Campbell, '14, Civil Eng., Baltimore, Md.

Perry Christopher Euchner, '15, Arts, Machias, N. Y.

Brothers Campbell and Euchner were members of our chapter last year, but were unable to be present at the installation.

Owing to the fact that Cornell University has been in session less than a week, there is little to report in the way of new activities. Last spring, however, we graduated a class of nine representative men, and we have an excellent nucleus for the formation of a good chapter this year. Brother Dippold is business manager of the *Cornell Era* and manager of the university lacross team. Brother Baugher is captain of the swimming team and a member of the base-ball squad. Brother Campbell is a member of the lacross squad. Brother Means will represent Cornell on the hockey team. Brothers Ogden, Forster, and Mayer are now engaged in the various competitions for manager-ships. Brothers Euchner and Mayer are candidates for crew.

The chapter officers for the year are

Edward G. Lawson

Frederick S. Parker,

Kenneth D. Means,

Harold H. Lyon,

Albert P. Dippold,

William H. Baugher,

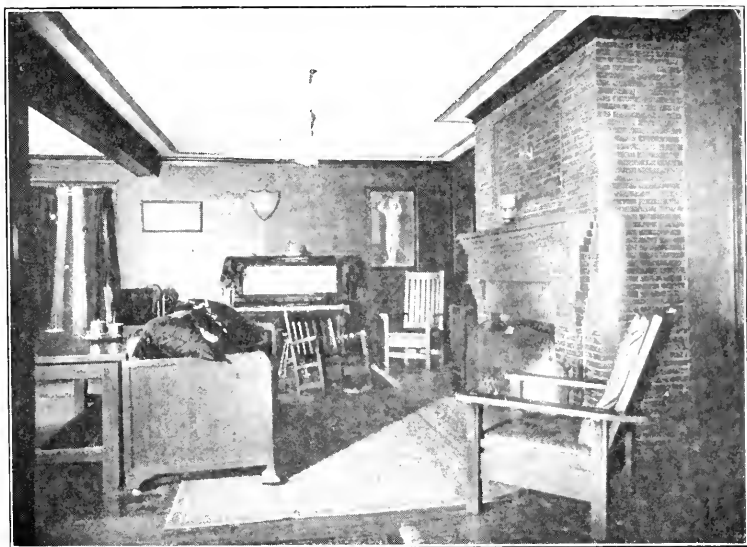
Perry C. Euchner,

and under their able direction we expect a very prosperous year.

New York Beta realizes the trust which has been placed in it, and while we are fully cognizant of the fact that there has been a heavy



PARLOR—N. Y. BETA CHAPTER HOUSE.



"FIRE-PLACE"—N. Y. BETA CHAPTER HOUSE.

responsibility placed upon our shoulders, we cannot but rejoice that we have been weighed and found worthy.

Faternally,

NEW YORK BETA.

*Neill Houston,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

### VIRGINIA ALPHA.

I. D. S. Knight, of 1910, is attending the Southern Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

W. H. Davis, '12, and Miss Mabel Lee Seuell, of Windsor, N. C., were married Thursday, September 26th. Brother Davis will also attend Theological Seminary this session.

Wesley Wright, '12, has accepted a position in Richmond, Va.

Chas. Phillips, '12, is in Richmond, Va., studying medicine at the University College of Medicine.

A. R. Meredith, '12, is living at Netta, Va., engaged in wholesale lumber business. It is also reported that he is building a home large enough for two.

J. C. Davis, '12, has entered Georgetown University to continue the study of law.

G. G. Garland, '12, after a very hard summer touring the Southern States, has at last returned to his former position as special agent for Union Central Life Insurance Co., with his offices in Richmond, Va.

### COLORADO ALPHA.

Like wind-strewn leaves in autumn, our alumni have spread themselves throughout the country, and each is now making his own place in the world and is honoring Sigma Phi Epsilon by his efforts.

Nothing does the bunch more good than the occasional letters with their good advice which come from these loyal brothers—nothing touches the heart and fires the ambition in the soul of the undergraduate more than the visit from an old graduate who has been



through the mill himself and comes back to the chapter house rich in experience and full of tradition and stories of how things were done in the good old days.

Only three brothers left us last year through graduation. All of these were from the school of engineering. Of these three Turner, "Puder" Sproule and Warden "Pug" Hartman received apprenticeship appointments with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Sproule is stationed at Pittsburg, Penn., and Hartman at Camden, N. J. Warkley is chief of a surveying party at Fox Park, Wyoming. John Mickle has moved to Boise, Idaho, where he is practicing law. H. R. Waldo is attorney for the Beaver River Power Company and is located at Provo, Utah. W. L. Prouty is connected with the Laramie Water Power Company at Millbrook, Wyoming. Chas. Fawcett is with the General Electric Company, and is located at Pittsfield, Mass. George Bailey is practicing law at Walden, Colo. Albert Boeck is attending the U. of C. Medical School at Denver. Arch Heaton has abandoned his medical course for a year, and is doing electrical work at Norris, Montana.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

H. H. Way, R. E. Eggleston, and Norman Foster, all of the class of 1911, who joined the ranks of the Benedicts immediately after graduation, are all the happy fathers of sons.

George C. H. Hill is with the Wescott Candy Company, of Philadelphia.

M. M. Vance, 1912, is located with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fred ("Tex") Ramsdell, 1911, all-American half-back of the 1911 'Varsity foot-ball team, has resigned his position as physical director of the Carnegie Institute and is now with a road-oil company in Texas.

C. W. Ackley, 1912, is secretary of the Alumni Social Service Committee of Philadelphia.

Norman Foster is working with a civil engineer in building roads in suburban towns near Philadelphia.

Arthur L. Carley is practicing medicine in Dayton, Ohio.

Clark D. Martin is in the banking business in New York City. His address is 56 Chestnut street, East Orange, N. J.

Charles Boyd is employed by the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia.

William Ert has a responsible position with the Bell Telephone Co.

#### VIRGINIA DELTA.

J. Y. Mason is principal of the Boykins High School.

H. H. Blackwell and J. D. Clements are principals of high schools in Henrico county.

J. Prutzman is studying law at Washington and Lee University.

C. G. Richardson is attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va.

P. A. Wilson is working in Newport News, Va.

G. P. Arnold is principal of the Disputanta High School.

R. B. Blackwell is studying medicine at M. C. V., Richmond, Va.

J. H. Newsome is a drug clerk in Danville, Va.

M. A. Fentress is in the real estate business in Baltimore, Md.

J. W. G. Stevens is attending the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

J. D. Cooper is now located at Henderson, N. C., in the cotton mill business.

H. F. Brock, an alumnus of '06, is now located in Raleigh with the Southern Railway Company.

W. C. Lassiter, better known as "Hoot," and L. M. Phelps, Old "Lin," are not with us again this year. We regret very much losing these two men, as they were both very valuable to us in every way, but we wish them success in whatever they have undertaken.

W. S. Smith, of North Carolina Gamma, has located here for the practice of his chosen profession, law. We have all assured him of our hearty support, and we are looking to him for some valuable help.

#### INDIANA ALPHA.

C. H. Best, '11, is connected with the American Aluminum Company, of Pittsburg.

P. I. Glazebrook, '11, has accepted a position as instructor in the Galesburg City Schools.

H. R. Rossbacher, '11, is employed as chemist with the Armour Packing Company, of Chicago.

Arrived at the home of R. B. Lewis, '09, Friday, September 23, 1912, a ten-pound baby girl.

F. J. Lebean, '10, has a lucrative position with the Esterline Electrical Company, of Lafayette.

W. L. Hanley, '10, is connected with the Eli City Chemical Company, of Indianapolis.

C. T. Coran is with the Clover Leaf railroad with headquarters at Frankfort.

C. R. Weber is engaged in the drug business at Clay City.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA.

W. E. Gilmore and H. B. Murray broke all records for speeding into matrimonial line by marrying immediately after graduation last year. Brother Gilmore is now in business in Dexter, N. Y. Brother Murray is contracting in Statensburg, N. Y.

Keeney is in Y. M. C. A. work in New York City.

Brother Griffin, '12, after having passed successfully one of the severest bar examinations in years, has been traveling during the summer for a Rochester, N. Y., firm. He was admitted to the bar in Rochester last week.

E. C. Gleason, '12, is with the Westinghouse Company, at Pittsburg.

L. J. McEwan, '12, is principal of Greenswood High School.

W. P. MacIntosh is also chief pedagogue in Elbridge High School.

Cassius Miller, '12, our latest recruit in the ranks of the dominies, has a pastorate at Lucerne, N. Y.

C. E. Chamberlain, '12, is head of the Science Department of Tarrytown High School.

Prentice, '12, is back taking his master's degree in forestry.

#### VIRGINIA EPSILON.

B. Leroy Ballard is practicing law in Nashville, Tenn., with offices in the Vanderbilt Building.

P. C. Smith is in Atlanta, Ga., where he is a valued employee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Ed. Atkinson is in business with his father in Ashville, N. C.

I. T. Bagly is in the hardware business with his brother in Blackstone, Va.

Nash LeGrand is spending this winter in Florida, where he hopes to recover his health. We expect him to be back next fall to resume his studies.

Brother Streit is coaching Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala.

Lawrence Loughran is superintendent of a large saw mill near Ashville, N. C.

Harry Phillips has a lucrative position with the Virginia Iron & Bridge Co., Roanoke, Va.

#### VIRGINIA ZETA.

Peter Deshago is holding down a position with A. B. Clark & Co., Richmond, Va. Brother E. T. Drewry is also working at the above address.

J. R. Worsham is with his parents at 418 Fairfax avenue, Norfolk, Va.

R. K. Dawson's address is 415 Fairfax avenue, Norfolk, Va.

A. R. Beane has taken possession of his father's business in Lancaster, Va.

C. E. Young is managing his father's store, 183 High street, Petersburg, Va.

J. C. Elliot is teaching school in Sperryville, Va.

W. L. Tucker has work in Farmville, Va.

#### DELAWARE ALPHA.

We wish to announce the marriage of Brother R. M. Carswell, of Wilmington, to Miss Eleanor K. Bowen, of Newark, Del., on September 26, 1912.

C. A. Taylor has accepted a position with the Electrical Department of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters at Baltimore, Md.

Brother Harvey is with the Westinghouse Electric Company at Pittsburg, Pa.

J. G. Attix has a position with the Engineering Department of the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia, Pa.

Brother Butz has accepted a position with the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, N. Y.

#### VIRGINIA ETA.

S. O. McCue, '12, is teaching at the Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Va.

H. O. Griffith, '12, and P. C. Ashby, '11, are with the Atlantic Coast Line at Mount Airy. They are doing engineering work.

Barton Palmer, '11, is head master at Rodgers University School, Charlottesville, Va.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Robert Swope, '10, was married to Miss Lydia Leibert, of South Bethlehem, Pa., on Tuesday, September 10, 1912.

Chas. Poole, '10, was married to Miss Elizabeth Franklin, of Chicago, Ill., on July the 17, 1912.

Thomas Davies, '11, has taken a position down in Iquique, Chile, where he will remain for two years with W. R. Grace & Co., manufacturers of all kinds of machinery.

James Bailey, '12, is working with the Corning Glass Company, in Corning, N. Y.

Walter Moore, '12, is working with the Ingersoll-Rand Company,

#### OHIO GAMMA.

Arthur C. Brookley, 1912, is located at Adrian, Minnesota, teaching in the State High School and looking after the agricultural extension.

Ernest L. Davis, '12, is practicing law in Cleveland, Ohio.

Harvey A. Shuler, '11, is now eastern sales manager for the Kinnear Manufacturing Company with headquarters at Philadelphia.

M. L. Langel, '12, is on the editorial staff of Wm. H. Page in the preparation of a law digest.

T. Edwin Buchanan, '11, is assistant manager of the clearing house at Columbus.

#### VERMONT ALPHA.

M. S. Wilder, '08, after taking a trip around the world, made us a visit of a month. Brother Wilder returns to the Philippines in November as first lieutenant in the Constabulary.

E. C. White, '08, represented Vermont Alpha at the installation of the New York Beta Chapter. He is located at Cornell as instructor.

H. L. Miller, '08, is now stationed at Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, N. H.

W. L. Clark, '08, is on a two months' leave of absence. During his leave he made us a visit of several days.

H. A. Nims, '08, was one of our visitors at commencement time.

S. M. Parker and Brother I. B. Edwards, '08, are still in the Philippines and are to return to this country in the spring.

J. T. Gilmour is at Vermont Academy acting as instructor in mathematics. He is also assistant foot-ball and base-ball coach.

W. F. Johnson, '10, is studying for exams. in the U. S. M. C. at Washington, D. C.

J. E. Creed, '11, is stationed with the 17th infantry at Fort McPheirson, Georgia.

R. E. Walbridge, '11, is traveling for the Westinghouse Electric Company.

D. H. B. Starr, '11, is in Alberta, Canada, on a large civil engineering job.

Asa P. Leete is commandant at St. Mathews School in Burlingame, Cal.

R. P. Lynde, '11, is with the First National Bank at White River Junction, Vt.

F. S. Hoff, '12, now has a position as traveling salesman in Boston.

W. A. Hatfield, ex-'12, has enlisted in the 11th cavalry.

G. O. Miller, ex-'13, is with the Grand Trunk railroad in the civil engineering department.

E. W. Magnus, '12, was back to teach summer school. He now has a position with the Eastern Talc Co., of Rochester, Vt.

W. A. Wallace, '12, has a position with the New York Consolidated Gas Company, and is located in New York City.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

H. W. Smith, '12, is working in the Engineering Department of the L. & N. railroad, at Louisville, Ky.

C. H. Smith, an ex-'14 man, is attending a business college

Tuthill, an ex-'13 man, is demonstrating automobiles at Sheffield, Ala.

M. L. Moore, an ex-'15 man, is with the Crave Company at Birmingham, Ala.

T. C. Almon, an ex-'13 man, is with the L. & N. railroad at Bangor, Ala.

A. W. Porter, an ex-'13 man, is with the Porter Clothing Company at Birmingham, Ala.

## NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

Dave H. Fuller, A. B., '12, is in business with his father in Lumberton, N. C.

J. M. Currin, A. B., '12, is taking an engineering course at the University of Pennsylvania.

E. E. Bundy, A. B., '12, who has been playing ball in the Southern League, has accepted a responsible position on the "loafers' bench" in Elizabeth City, N. C.

J. H. Low, Jr., has accepted a position in Bluefield, West Va.

C. C. Foushee is farming near Jonesboro, N. C.

F. H. Norman is at work with his father at Chatham, Va.

Willis Smith, A. B., '10, LL. B., '12, is doing well in the practice of law at Raleigh, N. C. We had the pleasure of having him with us at the opening of the college year.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

Glen C. Allen, ex-'14, is now enrolled in the Kansas State Agricultural College. He is taking a course in agriculture.

Frank Allis, '11, is principal of the high school at Spearville, Kans.  
O. D. Allis, '10, is superintendent of schools at Virgil, Kans.

Lionel A. Anderson, '10, is enrolled in the University of Kansas.  
He is taking medicine.

Murl T. Capps, ex-'13, is also pursuing a medical course at the University of Kansas. He reports fine things about the Conclave.

Charles C. Dennie, A. B., '08, and M. D., '12, is now in the General City Hospital at Kansas City, Mo., doing work as an interne.

Arthur H. Fast, A. B., '09; law, '12, is superintendent of schools at Sylvan Grove, Kans. He will begin the practice of law next May.

Stephen L. Kiser, '09, is the Methodist minister at Burden, Kans.

Paul H. Lawless, music, '10, is again at the head of the voice department of Stephens College at Columbia, Mo.

V. M. Liston, '11, is superintendent of schools at Waverly, Kans. He enwrapped himself in the bonds of matrimony during the vacation time.

M. O. Lock, A. B., '09; law, '11, is now a prosperous lawyer in Topeka, Kans.

Frank Maple, '10, gets his degree M. D. from Rush next spring.

C. P. Mueller, '10, is enrolled in Northwestern School of Medicine.

J. E. Porter, '12, is pastor of a Methodist church in Kansas City, Kans.

M. R. Pyles, '11, is a chemist at Oxnard, California.

Dr. D. L. Randall (H.), is the head of the department of chemistry in Baker University.

Scott Siegle, '11, is principal of schools at Harris, Kans.

Warren B. Cockran, '09, is a teacher in the high school at Sand Point, Idaho.

H. F. Smith, '08, is editor and proprietor of the *Hoyt Sentinel*, at Hoyt, Kansas.

C. D. Spangler, '12, is teacher of science in the Holton, Kansas high school.

Paul D. Stafford, ex-'13, has engaged in business at Clay Center, Kansas; from reports he is also engaged otherwise.

Dr. W. E. A. Slaughter, (H) is at the head of the Philosophy depart-



ment of Baker University. During the temporary absence of his wife he has been boarding at the chapter house.

W. F. Tidyman, '11, is taking postgraduate work in Columbia University, New York City.

J. M. Price, '92, is Deputy Assessor of the City and County of Denver, Colo.

L. Frank Waring, '12, is at 72 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass. He is taking work in Boston University.

A. S. Wight, '11, is principal of schools at Marion, Kan.

A. W. Vogele, ex-'14, visited a couple of days at the chapter house a few days ago. He is taking work in the Rolla School of Mines at Rolla, Mo.

V. A. Mueller, '11, is a chemist with the Cudahy Packing Co., at Kansas City, Mo.

C. A. Price is a contractor and builder at Denver, Colo. He made the chapter an enjoyable visit this fall.

Fred A. Price, '09, is still in the government service (post office). He is the newly-elected editor-in-chief and business manager of our JOURNAL.

W. E. Long, '11, is teaching in the high school at Pratt, Kansas. He was married during the summer to Miss Dale Whitnah, A X  $\Omega$ .

Ralph G. Mason, ex-'12, was married on October 9th to Hazel Everett Reed at Topeka, Kansas. Brother Maxson is a prosperous farmer at LaHarpe, Kansas.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

F. M. Qua, '11, was seen by several members of the fraternity this summer and showed his usual great interest in the chapter. He is now in his second year at Harvard Law School.

C. T. Edgerly, A. B., '10, M. A., '12 is now at Yale studying for his doctor's degree.

F. E. Wheatly, '11, is still determined to be a physician and is in his junior year at Tufts Medical College.

A. T. Cobb, '12, is holding down a position at Tilenes, Boston, where he is with Brother Pailin, '10. Brother Cobb was married last July.

H. T. Baker, '12 and R. E. Baker, '12, are expected back in Hanover shortly to complete their course in the Thayer School of Engineering.

George Hitchcock, '12, has already returned for his second year in Thayer School.

D. L. Dorward, '12, is entered at Yale in the Forestry School.

D. B. O'Connor, '12, is reported to have entered the Harvard Law School.

J. F. Malley, '12, is with the McElwain Shoe Co., of Manchester, New Hampshire

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

B. M. Carner, '10, has been appointed principal of the Pacific Grove High School. He was recently an instructor in mathematics in the Grass Valley High School.

L. E. Torrey, '10, is connected with a prominent electrical firm in Los Angeles.

E. A. Abeel, '12, is connected with the engineering department of the Pacific Gas and Electrical Company, San Francisco.

Donald English, '09, will take up graduate work in Harvard University this fall. He has been a member of the Economics Department at the State College at Washington and affiliated there with Washington Alpha Chapter.

C. L. Thiele, ex-'14, has left the University and is principal of a school in Oleander, California.

F. M. Gardner, ex-'15, is associated in business with his father in Spokane, Washington.

W. A. Benner, ex-'07, has had charge of the playgrounds as athletic director and supervisor in Los Angeles during the summer and will now resume his work in the Fresno school department.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA.

E. T. Wohlenberg, in the Forestry Service, has been working at or near Missoula, Mont., but will return to Lincoln soon after a tour through California and Canada.

H. M. Nicholson is county attorney at West Point, Nebraska.

R. E. Cady, who last year accepted a position as assistant cashier in the Laurel National Bank, at Laurel, Nebraska., writes that he will be back "stronger'n horseradish" the second semester.

D. D. McBrien, our walking encyclopedia on fraternities, writes from Phillips, Nebraska, where he is Supt. of the schools.

V. D. Andrews is teaching in the Beatrice High School this year.

G. W. Gossard found it impossible to be back this year and is "punching cows" in the western part of Nebraska.

Glenn Ruby has been working on a geological survey (when not working on his car).

W. J. Krug has a position with the Omaha Power and Light Company, of Omaha, and expects to be here at least part of rush week.

C. J. Hardin is surveying on a line to the coast in Canada.

W. R. Power is teaching in Seattle, Washington this year.

#### WASHINGTON ALPHA.

Max E. Baumeister has not returned home from his trip in the East and South, which included the Conclave at Detroit.

Walter E. Doolittle is teaching school at Colfax, Washington.

Leslie A. Wood is in charge of a grain warehouse at Garfield, Wash.

Clarence L. Hix, is instructor in Mathematics at the College.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Albert W. Dodge, '12, has gone into business as a Landscape Forester, and he reports a rushing business.

Arthur N. Raymond, '12, is following up landscape designing.

#### OHIO DELTA.

W. C. Behotegug is with the Goodyear office force in Akron, Ohio.

C. A. Swan is attending Reserve Medical college, Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert Smith is traveling for Strong & Cobb Drug Co., of Cleveland.

Harry Gaul is secretary of the boys' department of Y. M. C. A. at Steubenville, Ohio.

Eugene Pocock is attending Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y.

Earl Overly is with the Goodyear office force in Akron, Ohio.

John Wallace has just sailed for India where he will teach in a mission school.

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